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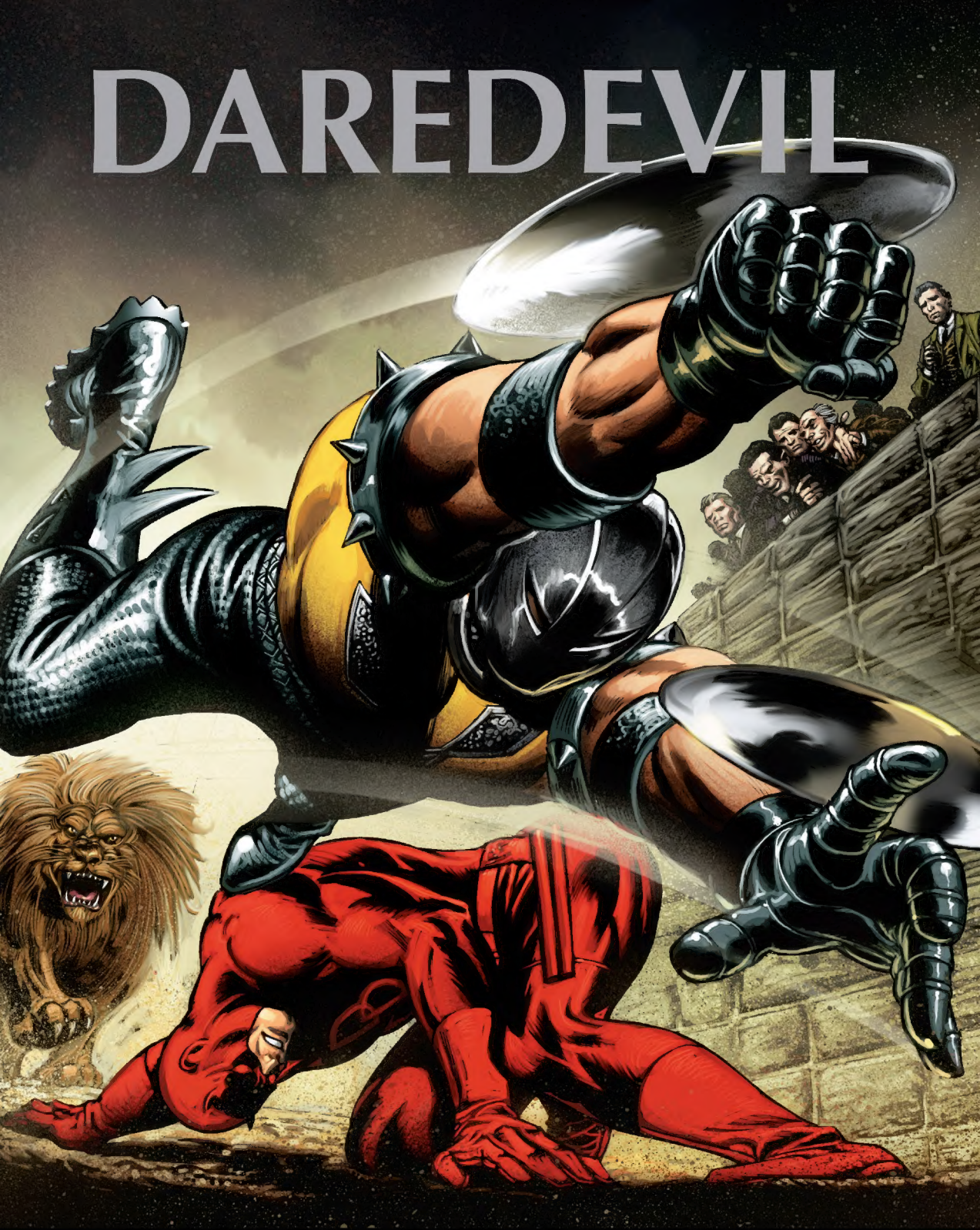

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INTRODUCTION
BY GENE COLAN

From my point of view, the early '60s were a magical time for all of the Marvel characters. It was the right moment in time for super heroes and villains to jump off the page and virtually turn into three-dimensional images. When tasked with illustrating a story on everything from Iron Man to Namor, Daredevil to Captain Marvel, I tried to imagine the characters as living and breathing human beings, as friends and foes. Once they became deeply rooted in those thoughts, the fantasy aspect vanished and a certain reality of the entire process came to life.

My strongest and most enthusiastic springboard was film. It brought all the necessary emotions to the story at hand. The movies became the catalyst that launched me forward, and the motion-picture screen was my panel. I took special note of learning how filmmakers used light and shadows. Those two elements added the drama to every story, and added that extra depth to the Marvel magic. The Silver Age was a pivotal point in the art of storytelling for all comic-book illustrators, and we utilized every influence to make our stories leap off the page. If I could have only added the sound—don't think I didn't try!

Daredevil was the one character that I related to most. To be able to do all of the leaps and gymnastic flips without sight was a unique ability and a challenge to conceptualize. To find a way to illustrate the distorted imagery in Daredevil's mind became essential to me—to establish his perspective. I had been drawing DD for about two years before this occurred to me. I wanted the readers to experience in thought what DD perceived. The appearance of solid objects and people had to be portrayed in the simplest form to be understood. The one regret I have is that I never illustrated this enough. Who knows how much further I could have taken this super hero in red had I stayed with him longer?

I believe the talent behind the Silver Age of Marvel Comics represents a group of artists who were as wholesome and decent as the characters they so brilliantly drew. A generation of rock solid artists and storytellers, each so gifted yet so unique from one another.

And now thanks to the *Masterworks* collections, we're comin' around again to charm the socks off a whole new generation. Through these beloved super heroes, today's youngsters are learning good from evil from the most gifted writer in comic book history, Stan Lee, and from the hands of the Silver Age artists.

Cheers!

Gene Colan

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DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"THE TRI-MAN LIVES!"
I'VE DEFEATED THE OWL, AND RESCUED JUDGE LEWIS*.. BUT THE DANGER ISN'T OVER YET!
I'VE STILL GOT TO GUIDE THIS MECHANICAL BIRD TO A SAFE LANDING.. BY MEANS OF WEIGHT-SHIFTING AND BALANCE ALONE!
YOU DID IT, DAREDEVIL! WE'VE REACHED THE MAIN-LAND SAFELY!
WE'RE OVER LONG ISLAND NOW!
WITH THE CONTROLS INOPERATIVE, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU COULD STEER THIS FLYING NIGHTMARE BY USING YOUR OWN BODY AS A RUDDER!
WRITTEN WITH RAPTURE BY: STAN LEE
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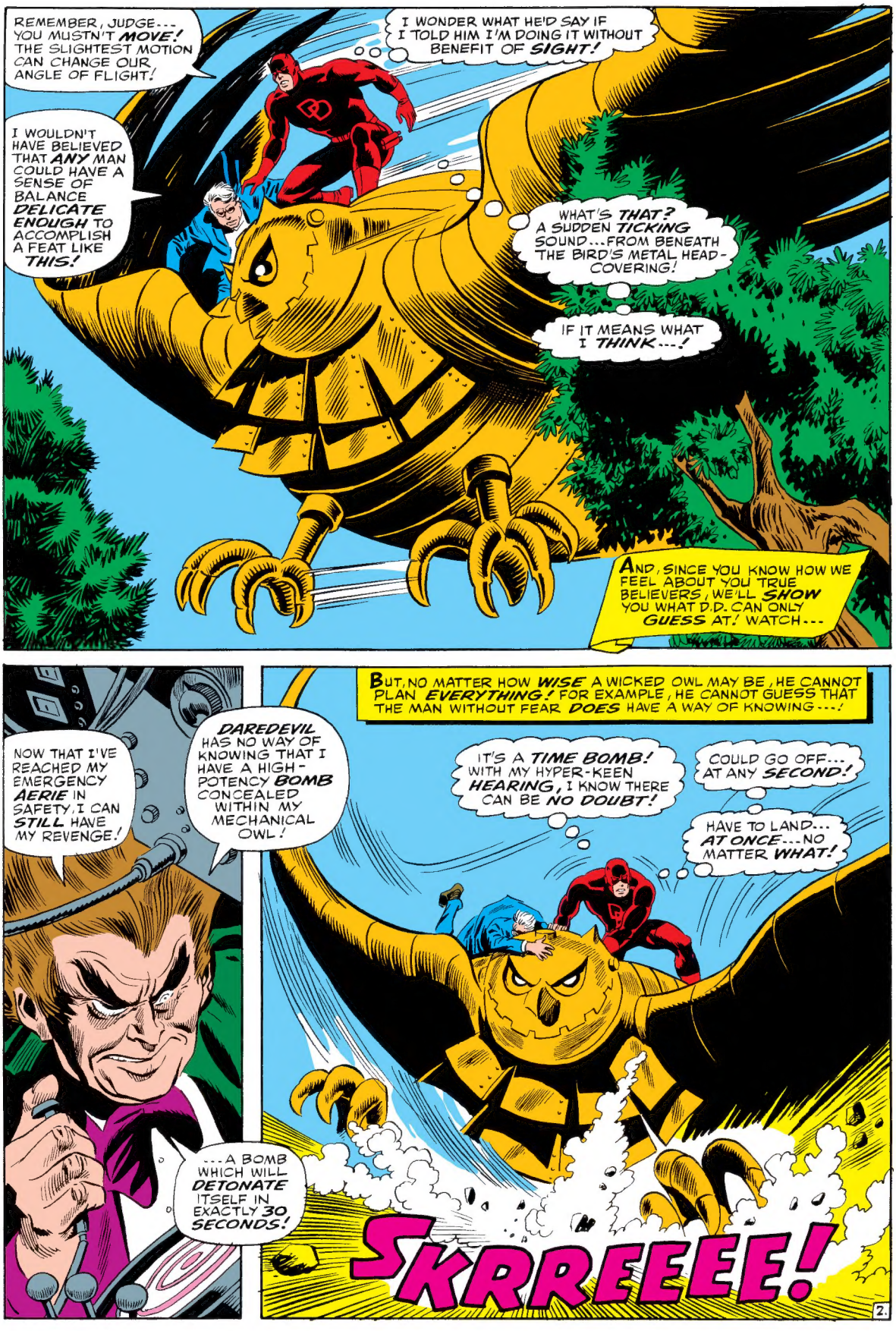
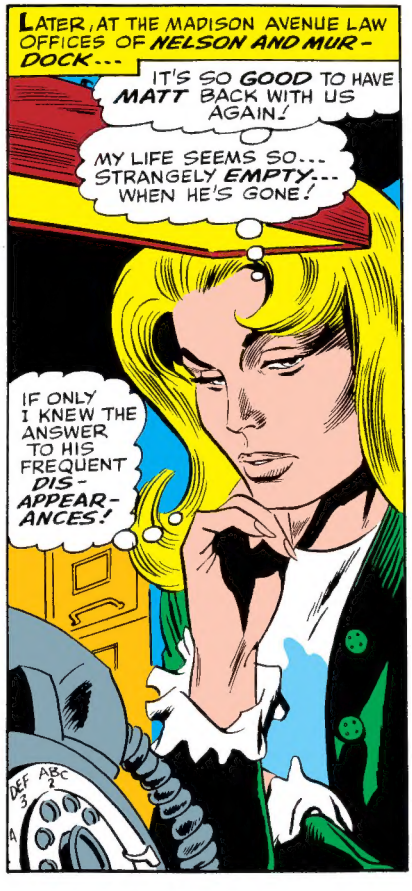
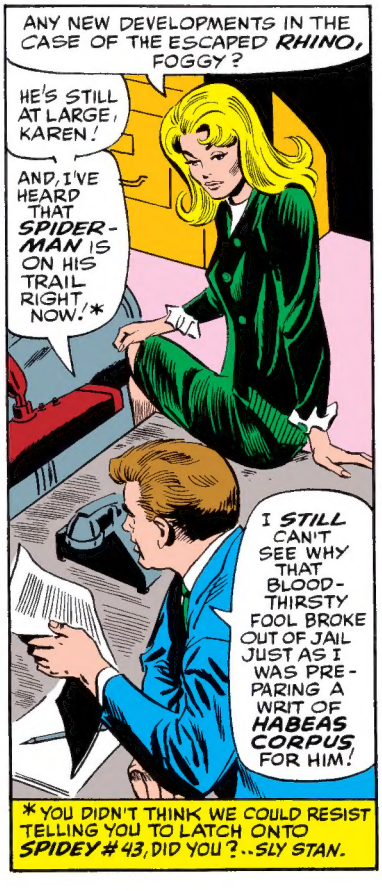
*IT HAPPENED LAST ISH... AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW! ..STRAIGHTFORWARD STAN.


REMEMBER, JUDGE--- YOU MUSTN'T MOVE! THE SLIGHTEST MOTION CAN CHANGE OUR ANGLE OF FLIGHT!
I WONDER WHAT HE'D SAY IF I TOLD HIM I'M DOING IT WITHOUT BENEFIT OF SIGHT!
I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED THAT ANY MAN COULD HAVE A SENSE OF BALANCE DELICATE ENOUGH TO ACCOMPLISH A FEAT LIKE THIS!
WHAT'S THAT? A SUDDEN TICKING SOUND...FROM BENEATH THE BIRD'S METAL HEAD-COVERING!
IF IT MEANS WHAT I THINK---!
AND, SINCE YOU KNOW HOW WE FEEL ABOUT YOU TRUE BELIEVERS, WE'LL SHOW YOU WHAT D.D. CAN ONLY GUESS AT! WATCH---
BUT, NO MATTER HOW WISE A WICKED OWL MAY BE, HE CANNOT PLAN EVERYTHING! FOR EXAMPLE, HE CANNOT GUESS THAT THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR DOES HAVE A WAY OF KNOWING---!
NOW THAT I'VE REACHED MY EMERGENCY AERIE IN SAFETY, I CAN STILL HAVE MY REVENGE!
DAREDEVIL HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT I HAVE A HIGH-POTENCY BOMB CONCEALED WITHIN MY MECHANICAL OWL!
IT'S A TIME BOMB! WITH MY HYPER-KEEN HEARING, I KNOW THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT!
COULD GO OFF--- AT ANY SECOND!
HAVE TO LAND... AT ONCE---NO MATTER WHAT!
---A BOMB WHICH WILL DETONATE ITSELF IN EXACTLY 30 SECONDS!
SKRREEEE!
2.

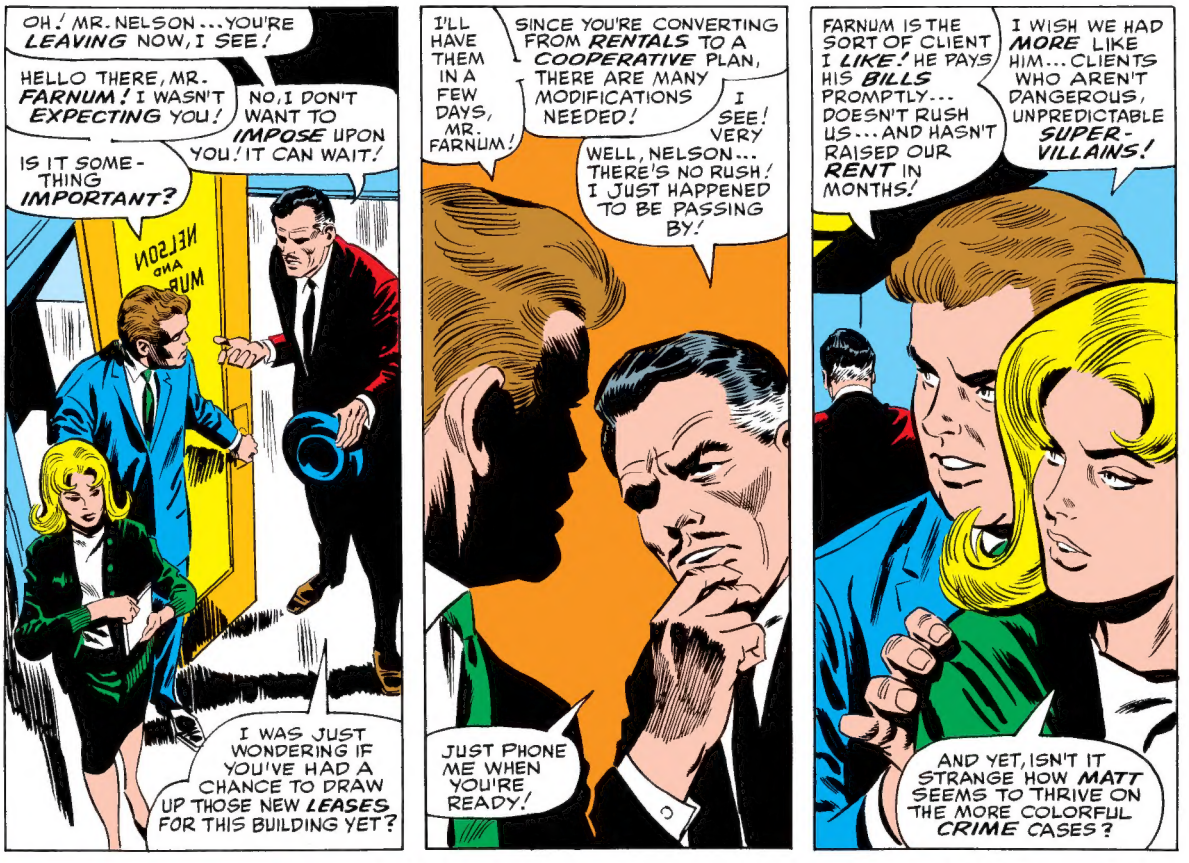
BUR-O-OOM!
DAREDEVIL! WHAT IS IT? WHA--WHAT HAPPENED??
WE HAD A NARROW ESCAPE, YOUR HONOR! BUT, WE'RE SAFE NOW!

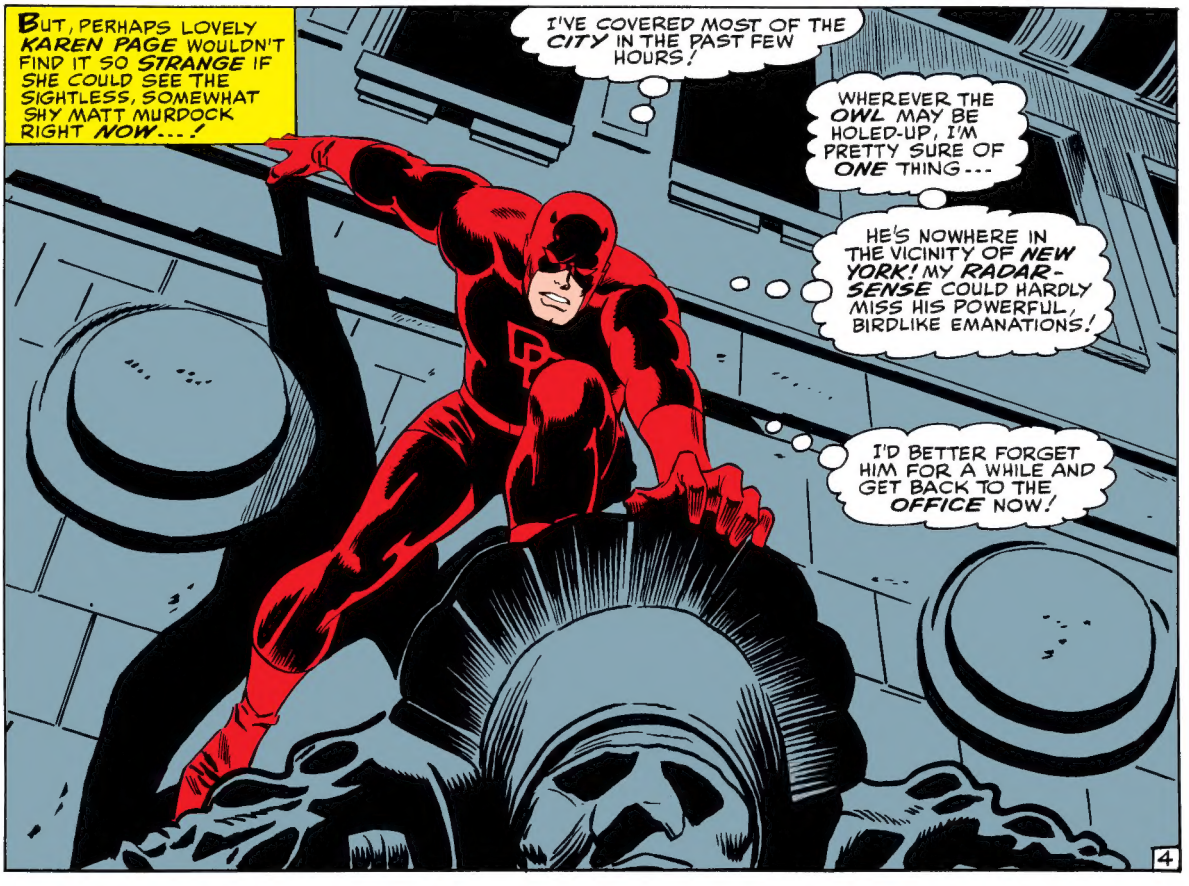
SOONER OR LATER I'LL MEET UP WITH THE OWL AGAIN--- AND, WHEN I DO--- HE WON'T ESCAPE A SECOND TIME!
DON'T REPROACH YOURSELF, MY BOY!
YOU SAVED MY LIFE... BROKE UP THE OWL'S GANG OF CUTTHROATS-- AND DESTROYED HIS HIDEOUT ISLAND!
YOU EVEN MANAGED TO FREE THAT COURAGEOUS BLIND LAWYER, MATT MURDOCK!
I HAD A MORE SELFISH MOTIVE IN DOING THAT THAN THE JUDGE SUSPECTS!


LATER, AT THE MADISON AVENUE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK---
IT'S SO GOOD TO HAVE MATT BACK WITH US AGAIN!
MY LIFE SEEMS SO--- STRANGELY EMPTY--- WHEN HE'S GONE!
IF ONLY I KNEW THE ANSWER TO HIS FREQUENT DISAPPEARANCES!


ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE OF THE ESCAPED RHINO, FOGGY?
HE'S STILL AT LARGE, KAREN!
AND, I'VE HEARD THAT SPIDER-MAN IS ON HIS TRAIL RIGHT NOW!*
I STILL CAN'T SEE WHY THAT BLOODTHIRSTY FOOL BROKE OUT OF JAIL JUST AS I WAS PREPARING A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FOR HIM!
*YOU DIDN'T THINK WE COULD RESIST TELLING YOU TO LATCH ONTO SPIDEY #43, DID YOU?--SLY STAN.

BUT, LET'S FORGET ABOUT BUSINESS FOR A WHILE! HOW ABOUT DINNER WITH ME TONIGHT, KAREN?
I MIGHT AS WELL! I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM MATT SINCE HIS RETURN!
CERTAINLY, FOGGY!
I'LL BET SHE'D HAVE SAID THAT WITH A LOT MORE ENTHUSIASM IF MY NAME WAS MATT MURDOCK!
I HOPE HE'S ALL RIGHT! A SIGHTLESS MAN--- ALL ALONE IN THE CITY---
3.


OH! MR. NELSON... YOU'RE LEAVING NOW, I SEE!
HELLO THERE, MR. FARNUM! I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU!
NO, I DON'T WANT TO IMPOSE UPON YOU! IT CAN WAIT!
IS IT SOMETHING IMPORTANT?
I WAS JUST WONDERING IF YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO DRAW UP THOSE NEW LEASES FOR THIS BUILDING YET?
I'LL HAVE THEM IN A FEW DAYS, MR. FARNUM!
SINCE YOU'RE CONVERTING FROM RENTALS TO A COOPERATIVE PLAN, THERE ARE MANY MODIFICATIONS NEEDED!
I SEE! VERY WELL, NELSON... THERE'S NO RUSH! I JUST HAPPENED TO BE PASSING BY!
JUST PHONE ME WHEN YOU'RE READY!
FARNUM IS THE SORT OF CLIENT I LIKE! HE PAYS HIS BILLS PROMPTLY--- DOESN'T RUSH US... AND HASN'T RAISED OUR RENT IN MONTHS!
I WISH WE HAD MORE LIKE HIM... CLIENTS WHO AREN'T DANGEROUS, UNPREDICTABLE SUPER-VILLAINS!
AND YET, ISN'T IT STRANGE HOW MATT SEEMS TO THRIVE ON THE MORE COLORFUL CRIME CASES?

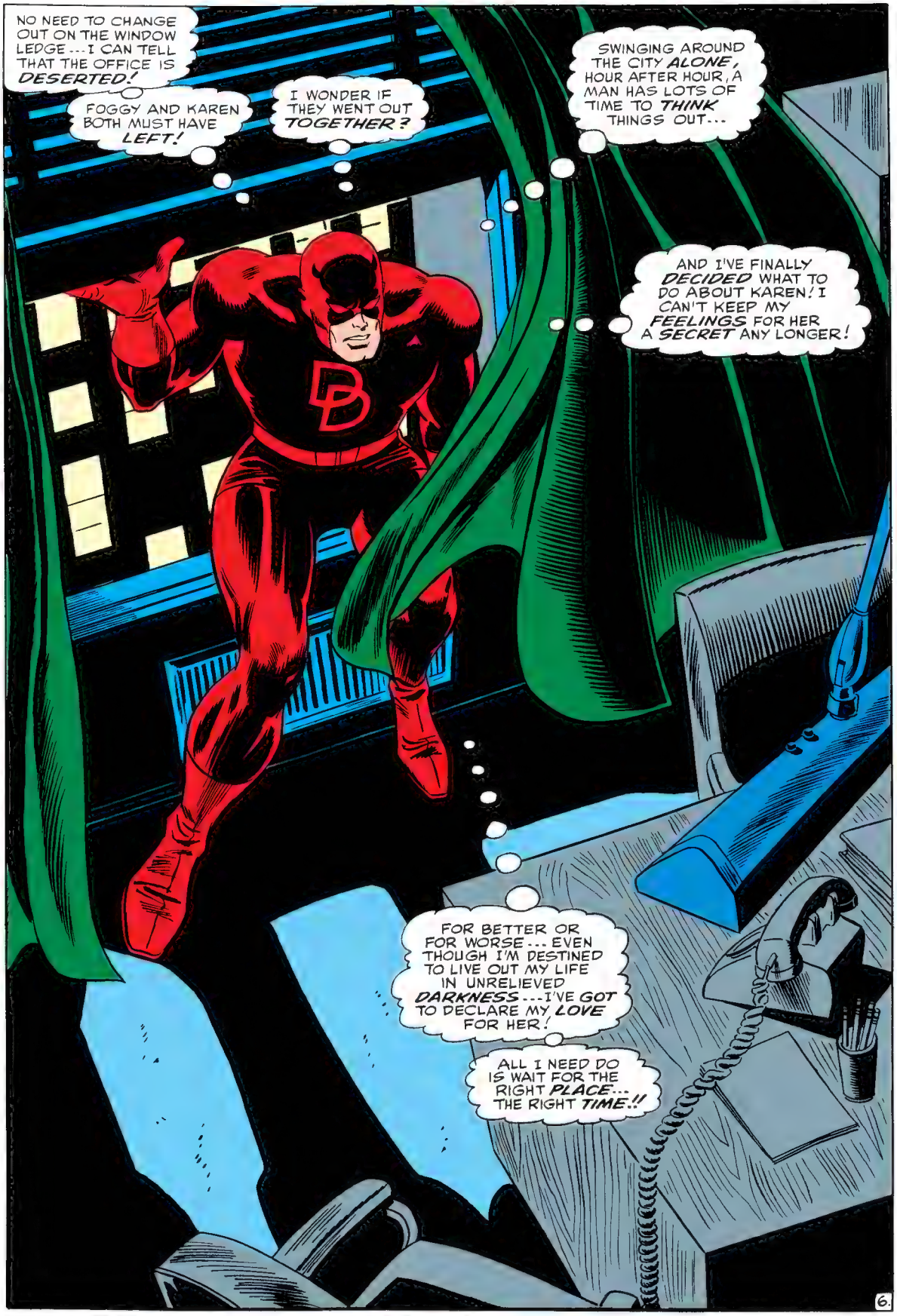

BUT, PERHAPS LOVELY KAREN PAGE WOULDN'T FIND IT SO STRANGE IF SHE COULD SEE THE SIGHTLESS, SOMEWHAT SHY MATT MURDOCK RIGHT NOW---!
I'VE COVERED MOST OF THE CITY IN THE PAST FEW HOURS!
WHEREVER THE OWL MAY BE HOLED-UP, I'M PRETTY SURE OF ONE THING---
HE'S NOWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF NEW YORK! MY RADAR-SENSE COULD HARDLY MISS HIS POWERFUL, BIRDLIKE EMANATIONS!
I'D BETTER FORGET HIM FOR A WHILE AND GET BACK TO THE OFFICE NOW!

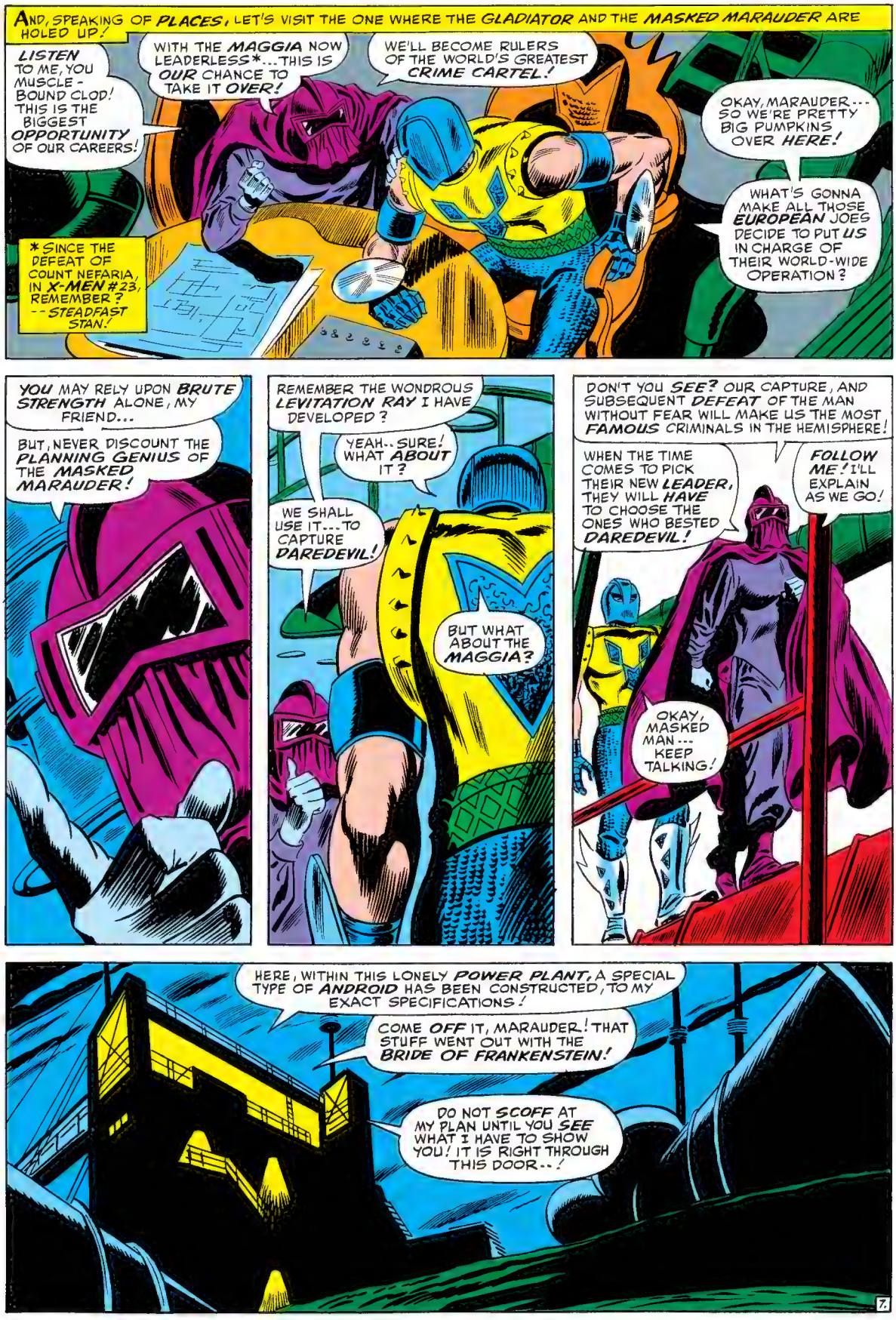
AFTER THE HUMILIATING SETBACK I HANDED HIM, THE OWL MAY HEAD FOR PARTS UNKNOWN!
WHICH WOULDN'T EXACTLY BREAK MY FEARLESS LITTLE HEART ONE BIT!
WHHH
IN FACT, I COULD USE A LITTLE PEACE AND QUIET TO CATCH UP ON MY OWN LAW WORK!
HHHIT
TTTT

LUCKILY, THE GLADIATOR AND THE MASKED MARAUDER SEEM TO HAVE DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT, ALSO!
PERHAPS I'D BETTER START GOING A LITTLE EASIER ON THE VARIOUS COSTUMED CROOKS AROUND TOWN!
AFTER ALL... I WOULDN'T WANNA PUT MYSELF CLEAN OUT OF BUSINESS!

BUT, I'VE A HUNCH THERE'LL ALWAYS BE SOMETHING TO OCCUPY A FELLA WITH MY OWN PARTICULAR TALENTS!
BEE-YUNG!

IT'S KINDA HARD TO TRAVEL VIA BILLY-CLUB CABLE THIS WAY WITHOUT ATTRACTING A LITTLE ATTENTION!
BUT, IT'S STILL A LOT CHEAPER THAN TAKING A CAB.. .. AND IT DOES KEEP ONE OUT IN THE FRESH AIR!
BTANNG!
SPECIAL NOTE FOR THOSE WHO MAY READ THIS STORY ALOUD: IN THE SOUND BTANNG, THE SECOND N IS SILENT! --- SCRUPULOUS STAN.


NO NEED TO CHANGE OUT ON THE WINDOW LEDGE---I CAN TELL THAT THE OFFICE IS DESERTED!
FOGGY AND KAREN BOTH MUST HAVE LEFT!
I WONDER IF THEY WENT OUT TOGETHER?
SWINGING AROUND THE CITY ALONE, HOUR AFTER HOUR, A MAN HAS LOTS OF TIME TO THINK THINGS OUT...
AND I'VE FINALLY DECIDED WHAT TO DO ABOUT KAREN! I CAN'T KEEP MY FEELINGS FOR HER A SECRET ANY LONGER!
FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE... EVEN THOUGH I'M DESTINED TO LIVE OUT MY LIFE IN UNRELIEVED DARKNESS---I'VE GOT TO DECLARE MY LOVE FOR HER!
ALL I NEED DO IS WAIT FOR THE RIGHT PLACE... THE RIGHT TIME!!


AND, SPEAKING OF PLACES, LET'S VISIT THE ONE WHERE THE GLADIATOR AND THE MASKED MARAUDER ARE HOLED UP!
LISTEN TO ME, YOU MUSCLE-BOUND CLOD! THIS IS THE BIGGEST OPPORTUNITY OF OUR CAREERS!
WITH THE MAGGIA NOW LEADERLESS*...THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO TAKE IT OVER!
WE'LL BECOME RULERS OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST CRIME CARTEL!
OKAY, MARAUDER... SO WE'RE PRETTY BIG PUMPKINS OVER HERE!
WHAT'S GONNA MAKE ALL THOSE EUROPEAN JOES DECIDE TO PUT US IN CHARGE OF THEIR WORLD-WIDE OPERATION?
*SINCE THE DEFEAT OF COUNT NEFARIA, IN X-MEN #23, REMEMBER? --STEADFAST STAN!
YOU MAY RELY UPON BRUTE STRENGTH ALONE, MY FRIEND...
BUT, NEVER DISCOUNT THE PLANNING GENIUS OF THE MASKED MARAUDER!
REMEMBER THE WONDROUS LEVITATION RAY I HAVE DEVELOPED?
YEAH.. SURE! WHAT ABOUT IT?
WE SHALL USE IT...TO CAPTURE DAREDEVIL!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MAGGIA?
DON'T YOU SEE? OUR CAPTURE, AND SUBSEQUENT DEFEAT OF THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR WILL MAKE US THE MOST FAMOUS CRIMINALS IN THE HEMISPHERE!
WHEN THE TIME COMES TO PICK THEIR NEW LEADER, THEY WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE THE ONES WHO BESTED DAREDEVIL!
FOLLOW ME! I'LL EXPLAIN AS WE GO!
OKAY, MASKED MAN... KEEP TALKING!
HERE, WITHIN THIS LONELY POWER PLANT, A SPECIAL TYPE OF ANDROID HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED, TO MY EXACT SPECIFICATIONS!
COME OFF IT, MARAUDER! THAT STUFF WENT OUT WITH THE BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN!
DO NOT SCOFF AT MY PLAN UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT I HAVE TO SHOW YOU! IT IS RIGHT THROUGH THIS DOOR--!
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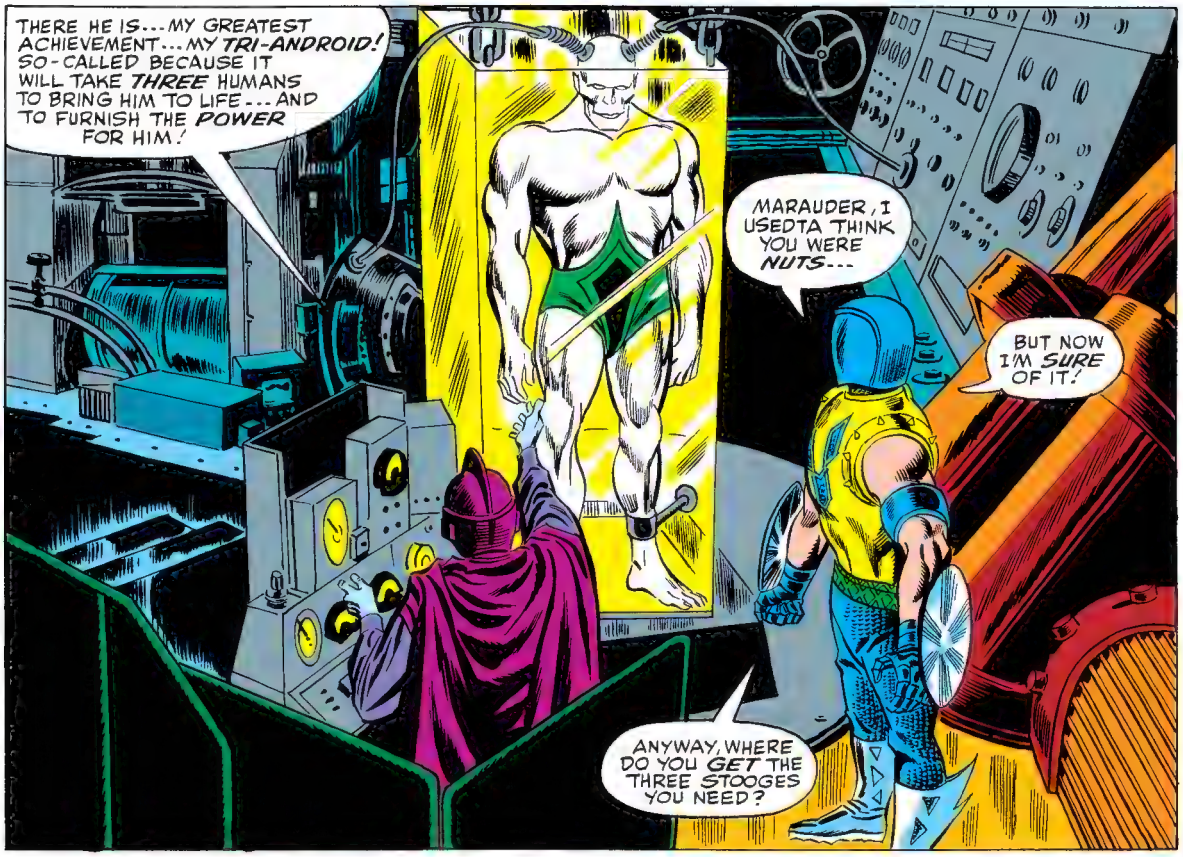
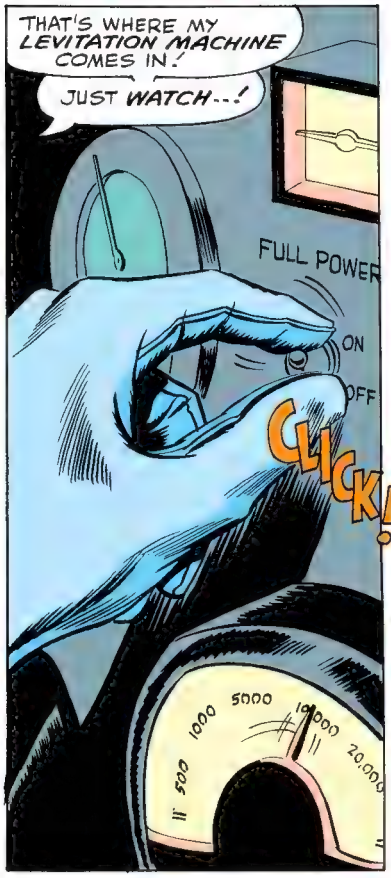

THERE HE IS... MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT... MY TRI-ANDROID! SO-CALLED BECAUSE IT WILL TAKE THREE HUMANS TO BRING HIM TO LIFE... AND TO FURNISH THE POWER FOR HIM!
MARAUDER, I USEDTA THINK YOU WERE NUTS...
BUT NOW I'M SURE OF IT!
ANYWAY, WHERE DO YOU GET THE THREE STOOGES YOU NEED?


THAT'S WHERE MY LEVITATION MACHINE COMES IN!
JUST WATCH...!
FULL POWER
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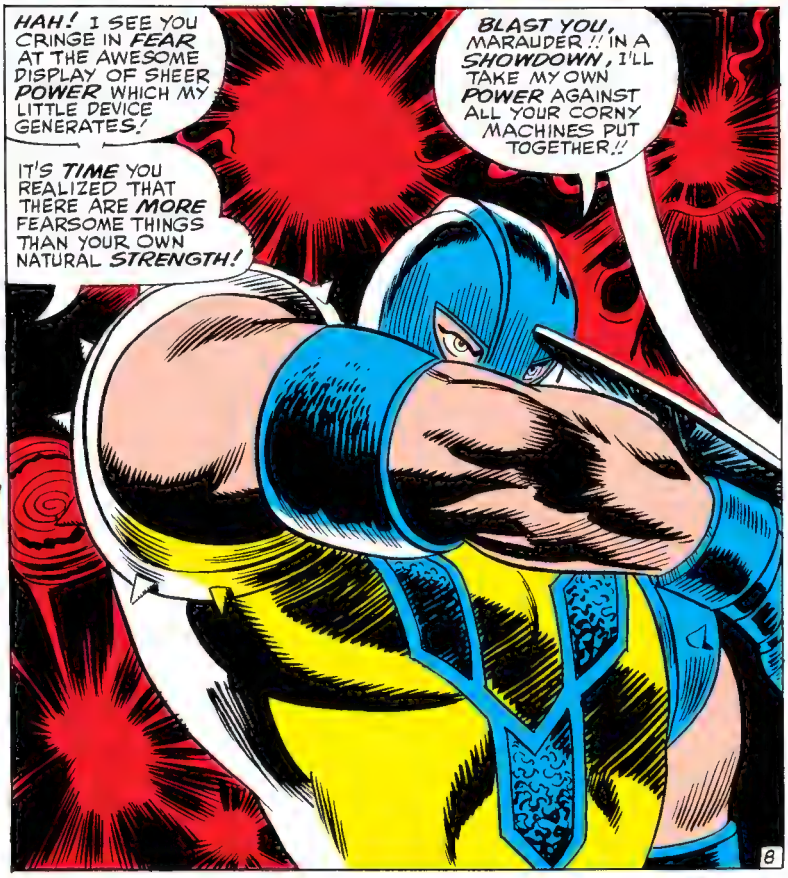
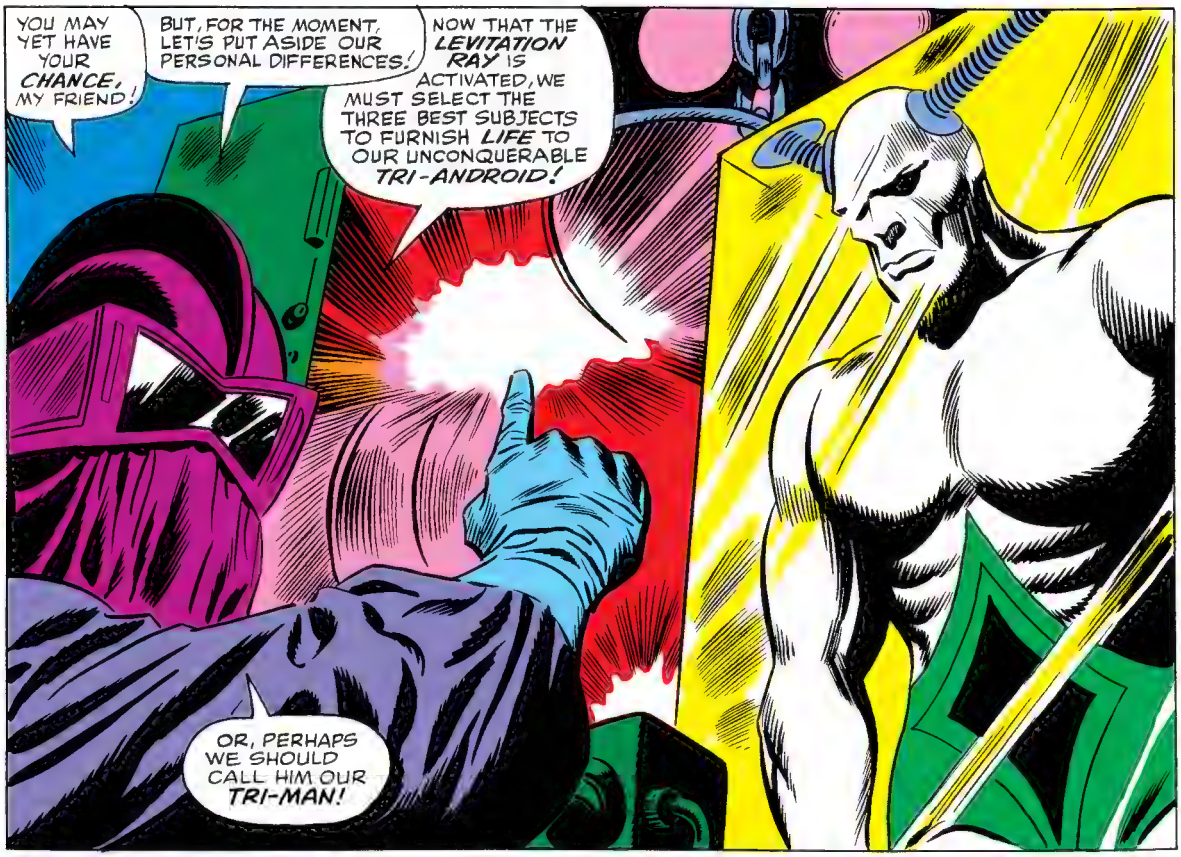
5000
10,000
20,000


HAH! I SEE YOU CRINGE IN FEAR AT THE AWESOME DISPLAY OF SHEER POWER WHICH MY LITTLE DEVICE GENERATES!
IT'S TIME YOU REALIZED THAT THERE ARE MORE FEARSOME THINGS THAN YOUR OWN NATURAL STRENGTH!
BLAST YOU, MARAUDER!! IN A SHOWDOWN, I'LL TAKE MY OWN POWER AGAINST ALL YOUR CORNY MACHINES PUT TOGETHER!!


YOU MAY YET HAVE YOUR CHANCE, MY FRIEND!
BUT, FOR THE MOMENT, LET'S PUT ASIDE OUR PERSONAL DIFFERENCES!
NOW THAT THE LEVITATION RAY IS ACTIVATED, WE MUST SELECT THE THREE BEST SUBJECTS TO FURNISH LIFE TO OUR UNCONQUERABLE TRI-ANDROID!
OR, PERHAPS WE SHOULD CALL HIM OUR TRI-MAN!

A SHORT TIME LATER, A DOWN-AND-OUT WRESTLER KNOWN AS THE MANGLER LEAVES A WEST-SIDE GYM!
I'M THE STRONGEST RASSLER IN THE GAME... AND I CAN'T GIT ME A MATCH!
NONE OF THE OTHER CREEPS'LL GIT IN THE RING WITH ME... 'CAUSE I MUSS 'EM UP TOO MUCH!
FRANK'S GYM

BUT THEN, AS THE MANGLER WALKS UNDER AN ORDINARY-LOOKING HALL LIGHT...
WHEN I START FIGHTIN', I SEE RED! NOTHIN' CAN STOP ME! I GOTTA.. HEY!
WADDA THEY EXPECT?? THEY'RE RASSLERS, AIN'T THEY?
WHAT'S HAPPENIN' TO ME??

WITHIN SECONDS, NAUGHT BUT A SMALL BATTERED BAG REMAINS... IN THE SPOT WHERE THE MANGLER HAD PASSED!

AND, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE TEEMING CITY, A FAST-MOVING SAFE-CRACKER CALLED THE DANCER IS SILENTLY GOING ABOUT HIS OWN ENDEAVORS ---
ANOTHER FEW SECONDS 'N I'LL BE DONE!
THEN, NO ONE CAN CATCH UP TO THE SHIFTY DANCER!
'CAUSE WHEN I START TO MOVE.. I'M THE FASTEST HEIST IN THE RACKETS!
HEY! THAT LIGHT WUZ OUT A MINNIT AGO!
WHO TURNED IT ON??!
FRAG
FRAGI
BUT, ALAS---THE DANCER IS DESTINED TO RECEIVE NO ANSWER--- AT LEAST, NOT FOR A WHILE---!
FINALLY, STILL ANOTHER DENIZEN OF THE UNDERWORLD, KNOWN SIMPLY AS---THE BRAIN--- PULLS A LIGHT CORD---
IT IS TIME TO STUDY MY PLANS FOR TOMORROW!
KLIK!
BUT, FOR THE STARTLED BRAIN, TOMORROW WILL HAVE TO WAIT---!
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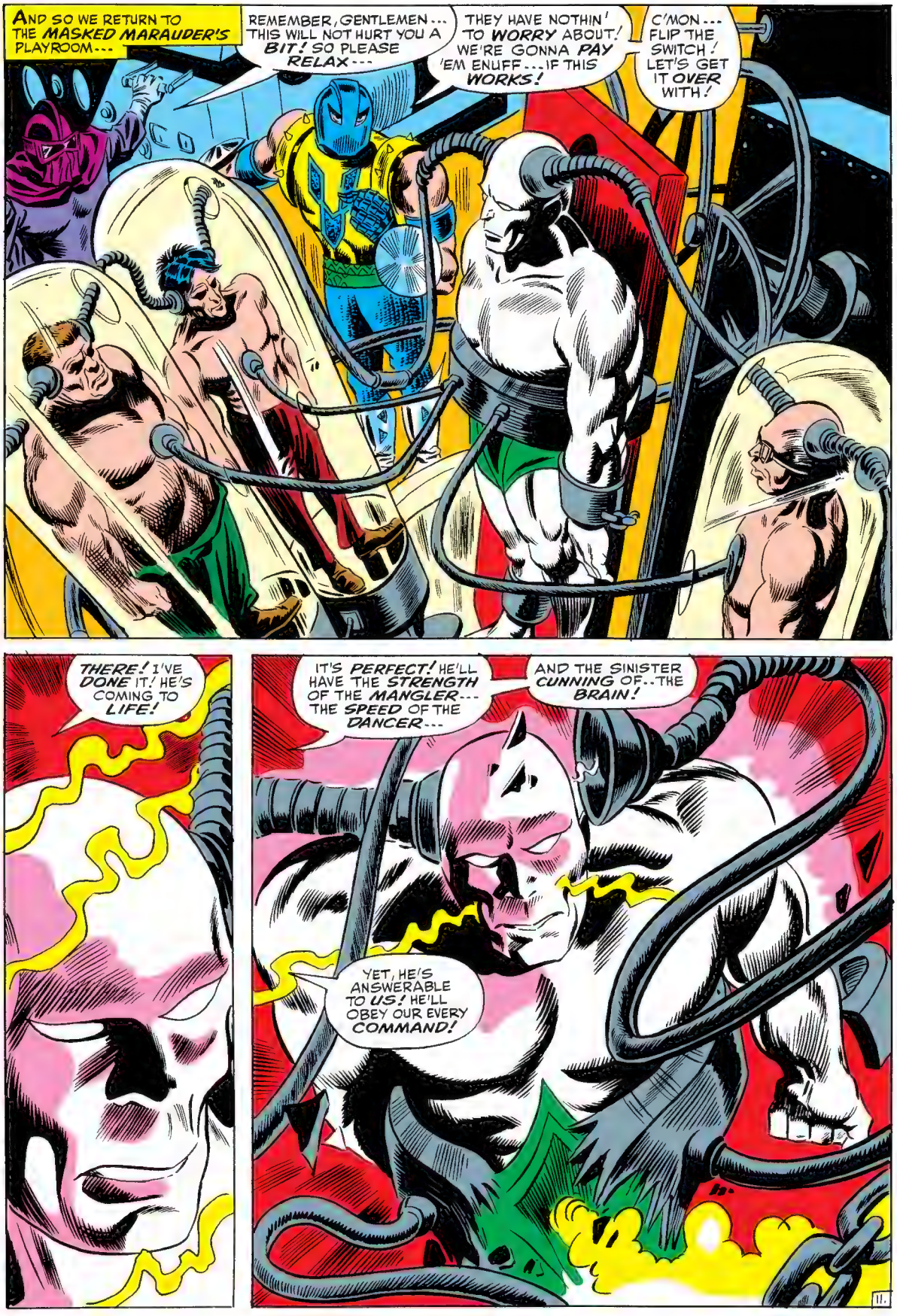
AND SO WE RETURN TO THE MASKED MARAUDER'S PLAYROOM---
REMEMBER, GENTLEMEN... THIS WILL NOT HURT YOU A BIT! SO PLEASE RELAX---
THEY HAVE NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT! WE'RE GONNA PAY 'EM ENUFF...IF THIS WORKS!
C'MON... FLIP THE SWITCH! LET'S GET IT OVER WITH!
THERE! I'VE DONE IT! HE'S COMING TO LIFE!
IT'S PERFECT! HE'LL HAVE THE STRENGTH OF THE MANGLER--- THE SPEED OF THE DANCER---
AND THE SINISTER CUNNING OF--THE BRAIN!
YET, HE'S ANSWERABLE TO US! HE'LL OBEY OUR EVERY COMMAND!
11.

BUT NOW...TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE MAGGIA IS AWARE OF WHAT WE ACCOMPLISH, I'LL CONTACT THEM, AND TELL THEM OF OUR FUTURE PLANS!
THEN, THEY CAN SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW FLAWLESSLY WE CARRY OUT OUR OBJECTIVE---
--HOW WE'VE PLANNED EVERYTHING PERFECTLY, TO THE SMALLEST DETAIL!
MINUTES LATER, SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE---
WE ARE RECEIVING A TELEVISED MESSAGE FROM AMERICA, ON OUR SPECIAL CLOSED-CIRCUIT FREQUENCY!
ANOTHER APPLICANT FOR MAGGIA LEADERSHIP!! VERY WELL... WE SHALL HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY!
BUT, THE ONE TO BE SELECTED MUST TRULY PERFORM THE GREATEST CRIMINAL ACT OF ALL!
OBSERVE! OUR APPLICANT IS THE INFAMOUS MASKED MARAUDER! HE HAS CONCEIVED A MOST DARING PLOT---!
WITHIN THE WEEK, MY TRI-ANDROID SHALL BATTLE AND DEFEAT THE MAN CALLED DAREDEVIL--- RIGHT IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN!
IMPOSSIBLE!
AND YET... IF HE SHOULD ACCOMPLISH SUCH A FEAT..!
THE MARAUDER MAY TRULY BE THE ONE TO LEAD US!
SOMETIME LATER, AT THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK---
SOMEONE SENT ME A COUPLE OF TICKETS TO THE FIGHT TONIGHT, AT THE GARDEN!
HOW ABOUT SLIPPING INTO SOMETHING PUGILISTIC, AND COMING ALONG, KAREN?
I'M SORRY, FOGGY! NOT TONIGHT..!
WHAT WITH MATT WORKING LATE--- I'D LIKE TO STAY AROUND THE OFFICE, IN CASE HE NEEDS ME!
I KNOW IT'S UTTERLY INSANE, BUT I CAN'T HELP THINKING OF DAREDEVIL EVERY TIME I LOOK AT MATT!
I KNOW A BLIND ATTORNEY CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A COSTUMED SUPER-HERO--- AND YET--!
I'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE THE PRETENSE OF READING THIS BOOK IN BRAILLE SO LONG AS SHE STANDS THERE WATCHING ME!
BUT PERHAPS THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO TALK TO HER...
I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE!
IS THAT YOU, FOGGY?
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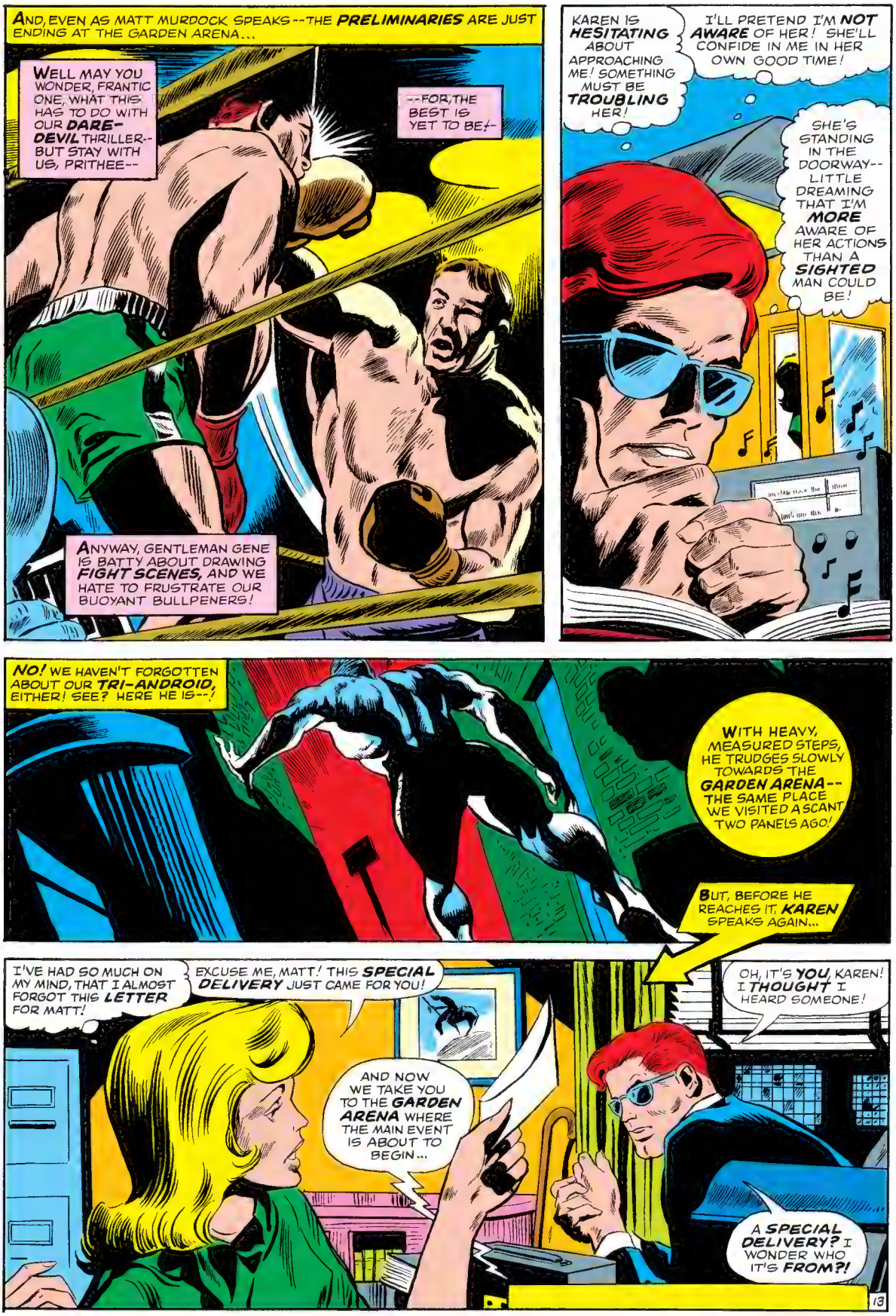
AND, EVEN AS MATT MURDOCK SPEAKS--THE PRELIMINARIES ARE JUST ENDING AT THE GARDEN ARENA...
WELL MAY YOU WONDER, FRANTIC ONE, WHAT THIS HAS TO DO WITH OUR DARE-DEVIL THRILLER--BUT STAY WITH US, PRITHEE--
--FOR, THE BEST IS YET TO BE!-
ANYWAY, GENTLEMAN GENE IS BATTY ABOUT DRAWING FIGHT SCENES, AND WE HATE TO FRUSTRATE OUR BUOYANT BULLPENERS!
KAREN IS HESITATING ABOUT APPROACHING ME! SOMETHING MUST BE TROUBLING HER!
I'LL PRETEND I'M NOT AWARE OF HER! SHE'LL CONFIDE IN ME IN HER OWN GOOD TIME!
SHE'S STANDING IN THE DOORWAY--LITTLE DREAMING THAT I'M MORE AWARE OF HER ACTIONS THAN A SIGHTED MAN COULD BE!
NO! WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT OUR TRI-ANDROID, EITHER! SEE? HERE HE IS--!
WITH HEAVY, MEASURED STEPS, HE TRUDGES SLOWLY TOWARDS THE GARDEN ARENA--THE SAME PLACE WE VISITED A SCANT TWO PANELS AGO!
BUT, BEFORE HE REACHES IT, KAREN SPEAKS AGAIN...
I'VE HAD SO MUCH ON MY MIND, THAT I ALMOST FORGOT THIS LETTER FOR MATT!
EXCUSE ME, MATT! THIS SPECIAL DELIVERY JUST CAME FOR YOU!
OH, IT'S YOU, KAREN! I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE!
AND NOW WE TAKE YOU TO THE GARDEN ARENA WHERE THE MAIN EVENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...
A SPECIAL DELIVERY? I WONDER WHO IT'S FROM?!
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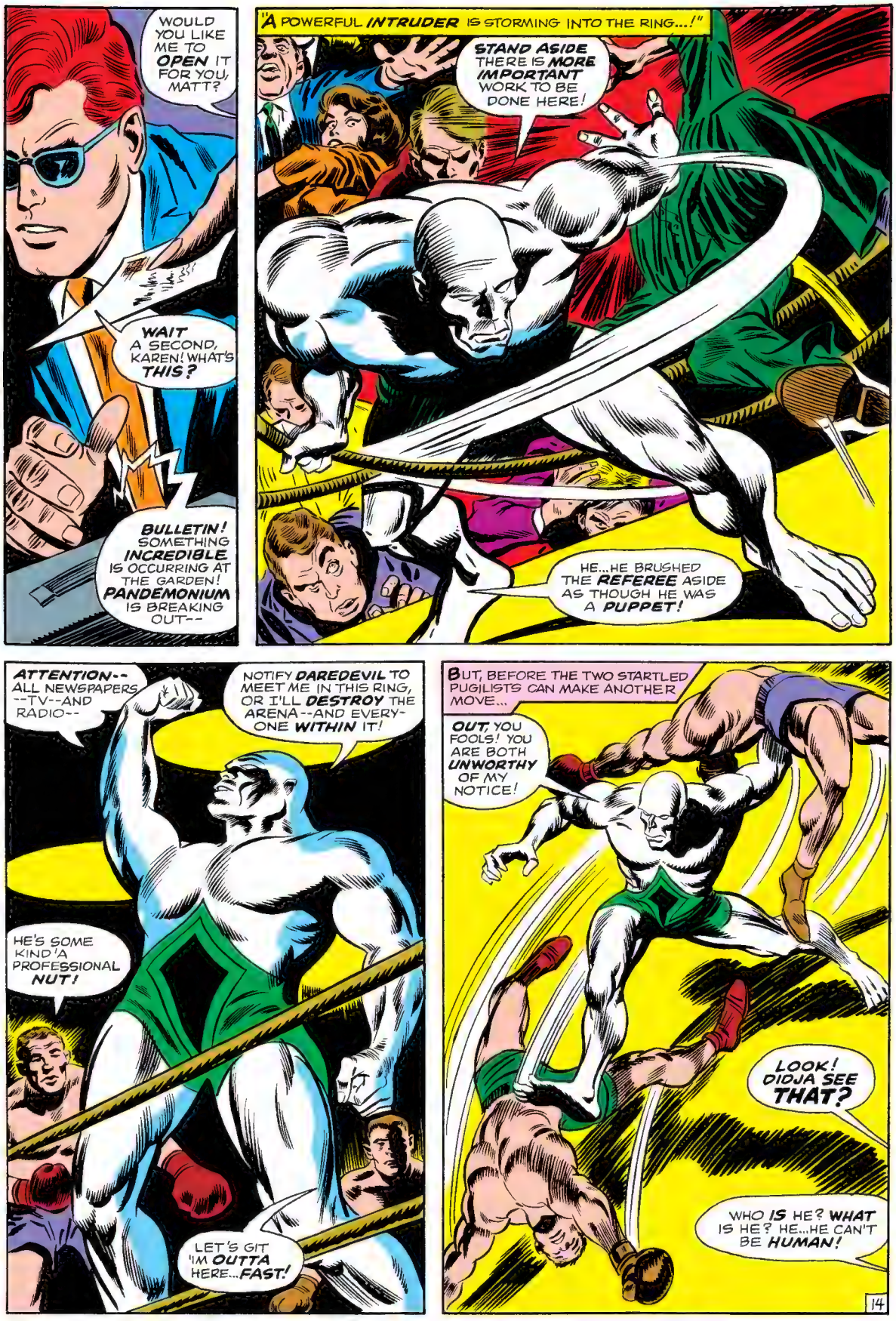
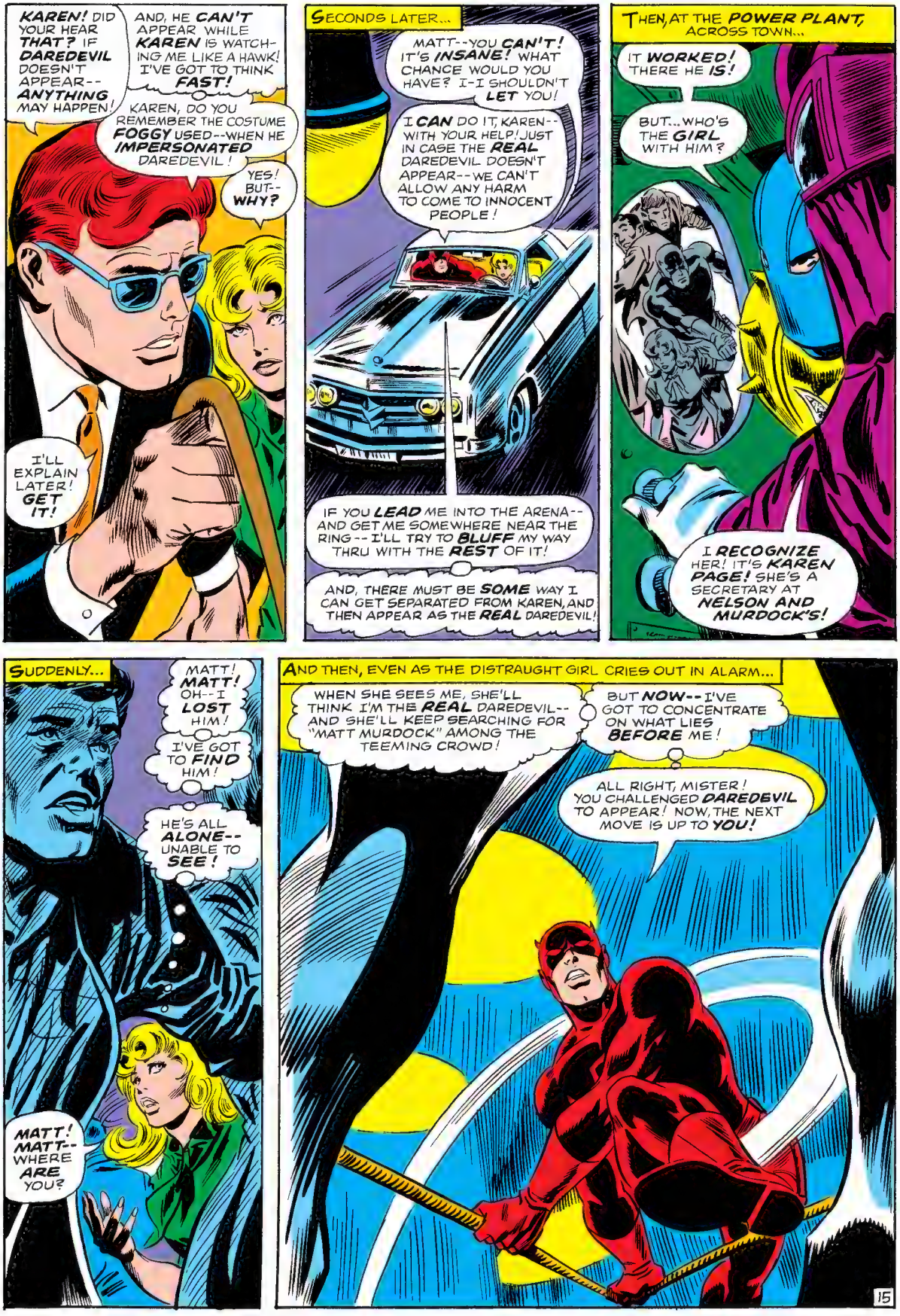
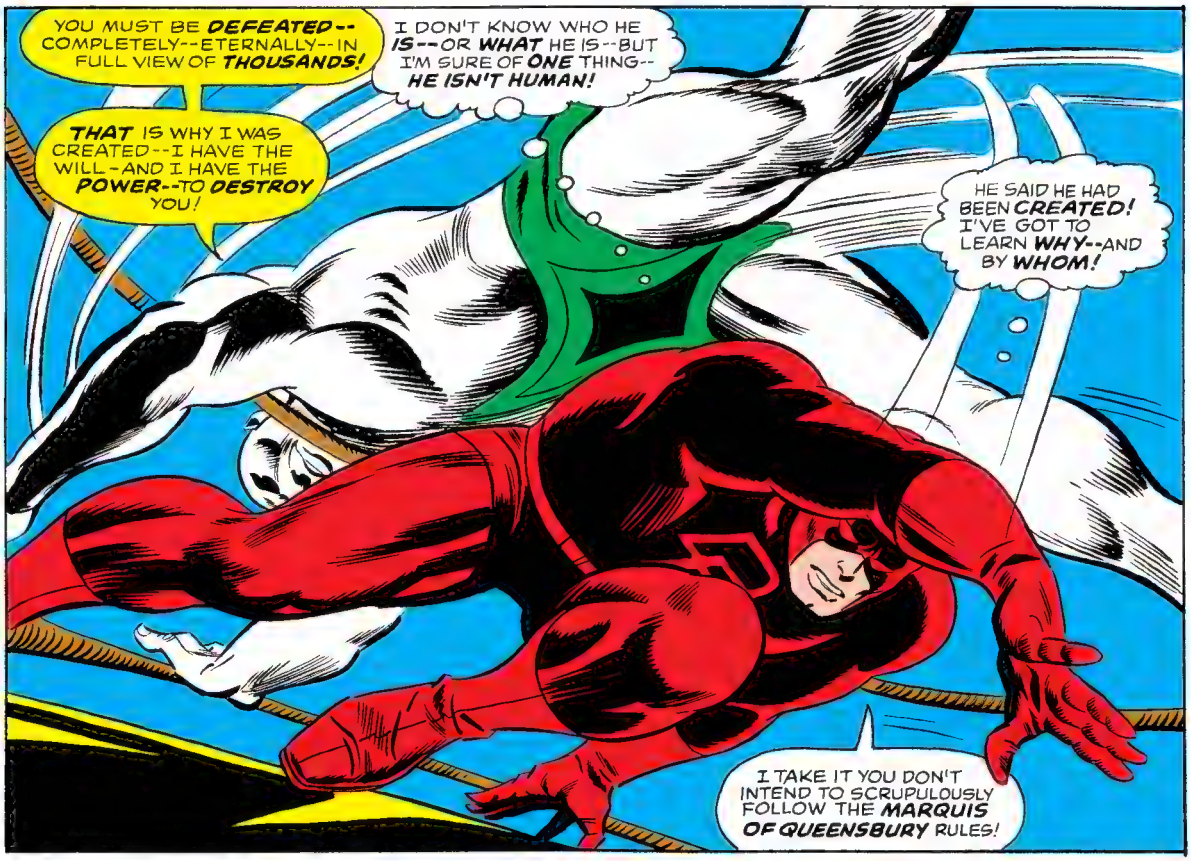

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO OPEN IT FOR YOU, MATT?
WAIT A SECOND, KAREN! WHAT'S THIS?
BULLETIN! SOMETHING INCREDIBLE IS OCCURRING AT THE GARDEN! PANDEMONIUM IS BREAKING OUT--
"A POWERFUL INTRUDER IS STORMING INTO THE RING...!"
STAND ASIDE THERE IS MORE IMPORTANT WORK TO BE DONE HERE!
HE...HE BRUSHED THE REFEREE ASIDE AS THOUGH HE WAS A PUPPET!
ATTENTION-- ALL NEWSPAPERS --TV--AND RADIO--
NOTIFY DAREDEVIL TO MEET ME IN THIS RING, OR I'LL DESTROY THE ARENA--AND EVERY-ONE WITHIN IT!
HE'S SOME KIND 'A PROFESSIONAL NUT!
LET'S GIT 'IM OUTTA HERE...FAST!
BUT, BEFORE THE TWO STARTLED PUGILISTS CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE...
OUT, YOU FOOLS! YOU ARE BOTH UNWORTHY OF MY NOTICE!
LOOK! DIDJA SEE THAT?
WHO IS HE? WHAT IS HE? HE...HE CAN'T BE HUMAN!

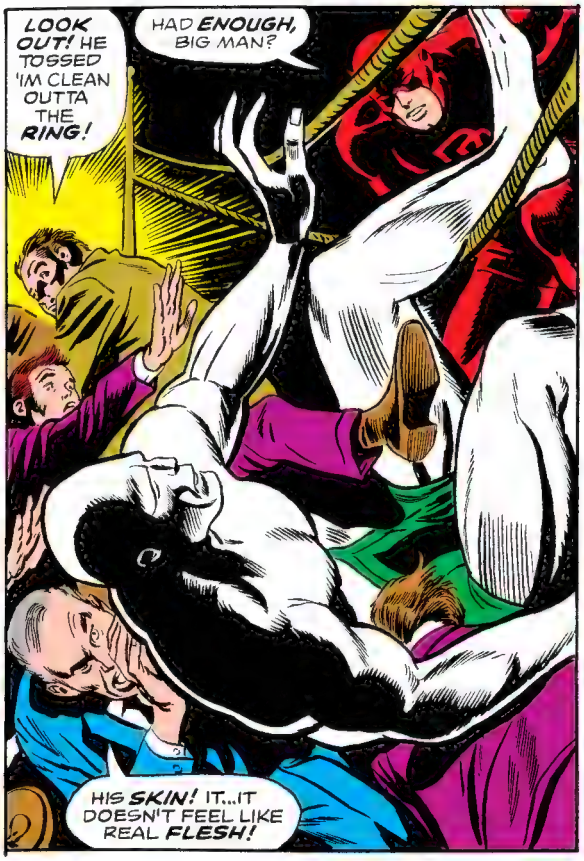

KAREN! DID YOUR HEAR THAT? IF DAREDEVIL DOESN'T APPEAR--ANYTHING MAY HAPPEN!
AND, HE CAN'T APPEAR WHILE KAREN IS WATCHING ME LIKE A HAWK! I'VE GOT TO THINK FAST!
KAREN, DO YOU REMEMBER THE COSTUME FOGGY USED--WHEN HE IMPERSONATED DAREDEVIL!
YES! BUT--WHY?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! GET IT!
SECONDS LATER...
MATT--YOU CAN'T! IT'S INSANE! WHAT CHANCE WOULD YOU HAVE? I-I SHOULDN'T LET YOU!
I CAN DO IT, KAREN--WITH YOUR HELP! JUST IN CASE THE REAL DAREDEVIL DOESN'T APPEAR--WE CAN'T ALLOW ANY HARM TO COME TO INNOCENT PEOPLE!
IF YOU LEAD ME INTO THE ARENA--AND GET ME SOMEWHERE NEAR THE RING--I'LL TRY TO BLUFF MY WAY THRU WITH THE REST OF IT!
AND, THERE MUST BE SOME WAY I CAN GET SEPARATED FROM KAREN, AND THEN APPEAR AS THE REAL DAREDEVIL!
THEN, AT THE POWER PLANT, ACROSS TOWN...
IT WORKED! THERE HE IS!
BUT...WHO'S THE GIRL WITH HIM?
I RECOGNIZE HER! IT'S KAREN PAGE! SHE'S A SECRETARY AT NELSON AND MURDOCK'S!
SUDDENLY...
MATT! MATT! OH--I LOST HIM!
I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!
HE'S ALL ALONE--UNABLE TO SEE!
MATT! MATT--WHERE ARE YOU?
AND THEN, EVEN AS THE DISTRAUGHT GIRL CRIES OUT IN ALARM...
WHEN SHE SEES ME, SHE'LL THINK I'M THE REAL DAREDEVIL--AND SHE'LL KEEP SEARCHING FOR "MATT MURDOCK" AMONG THE TEEMING CROWD!
BUT NOW--I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON WHAT LIES BEFORE ME!
ALL RIGHT, MISTER! YOU CHALLENGED DAREDEVIL TO APPEAR! NOW, THE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO YOU!


YOU MUST BE DEFEATED--COMPLETELY--ETERNALLY--IN FULL VIEW OF THOUSANDS!
I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS--OR WHAT HE IS--BUT I'M SURE OF ONE THING--HE ISN'T HUMAN!
THAT IS WHY I WAS CREATED--I HAVE THE WILL--AND I HAVE THE POWER--TO DESTROY YOU!
HE SAID HE HAD BEEN CREATED! I'VE GOT TO LEARN WHY--AND BY WHOM!
I TAKE IT YOU DON'T INTEND TO SCRUPULOUSLY FOLLOW THE MARQUIS OF QUEENSBURY RULES!

IN WHICH CASE, I'LL FEEL FREE TO COME UP WITH A FEW UNORTHODOX GIMMICKS MYSELF!
--LIKE MY LITTLE "DROP-TO-THE-FLOOR-AND-KICK-'EM-UP" MANUEVER! CUTE, EH?
BOK!
OR, IF THIS DOESN'T GRAB YOU--

PERHAPS YOU'D PREFER A MORE CONVENTIONAL KARATE BLOW--SUCH AS THIS!
ANYONE EVER TELL YOU YOU'RE A ROTTEN CONVERSATION-ALIST?

THEN AND THERE, BEFORE THE EYES OF THOUSANDS, THE WORLD-FAMOUS MAN WITHOUT FEAR CONTINUES TO ATTACK HIS LARGER, MORE POWERFUL FOE--SPEARHEADING THE ONSLAUGHT WITH BLOW AFTER BLOW... NOT GIVING THE TRI-ANDROID TIME TO REGAIN HIS BALANCE, NOR TO LAUNCH A COUNTER-ATTACK--!
DAREDEVIL IS USING THE TYPE OF KARATE CHOPS I'VE READ ABOUT IN BOOKS--BUT NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE IN REAL LIFE!
I'VE GOT TO END THIS QUICKLY, AND FIND SOME WAY TO CONVINCE KAREN THAT MATT MURDOCK WAS WANDERING HELPLESSLY ABOUT WHILE THIS FIGHT WAS GOING ON!
I DON'T GET IT! THAT GOOFY-LOOKING CREEP TOSSED THE TWO CONTENDERS OUT OF THE RING LIKE THEY WERE NOTHIN'--
AND YET, DAREDEVIL'S MAKIN' MINCEMEAT OUT OF 'IM!
IF ONLY I KNEW WHO I'M FIGHTING--AND MORE IMPORTANT--WHO'S BEHIND HIM!
THANG!

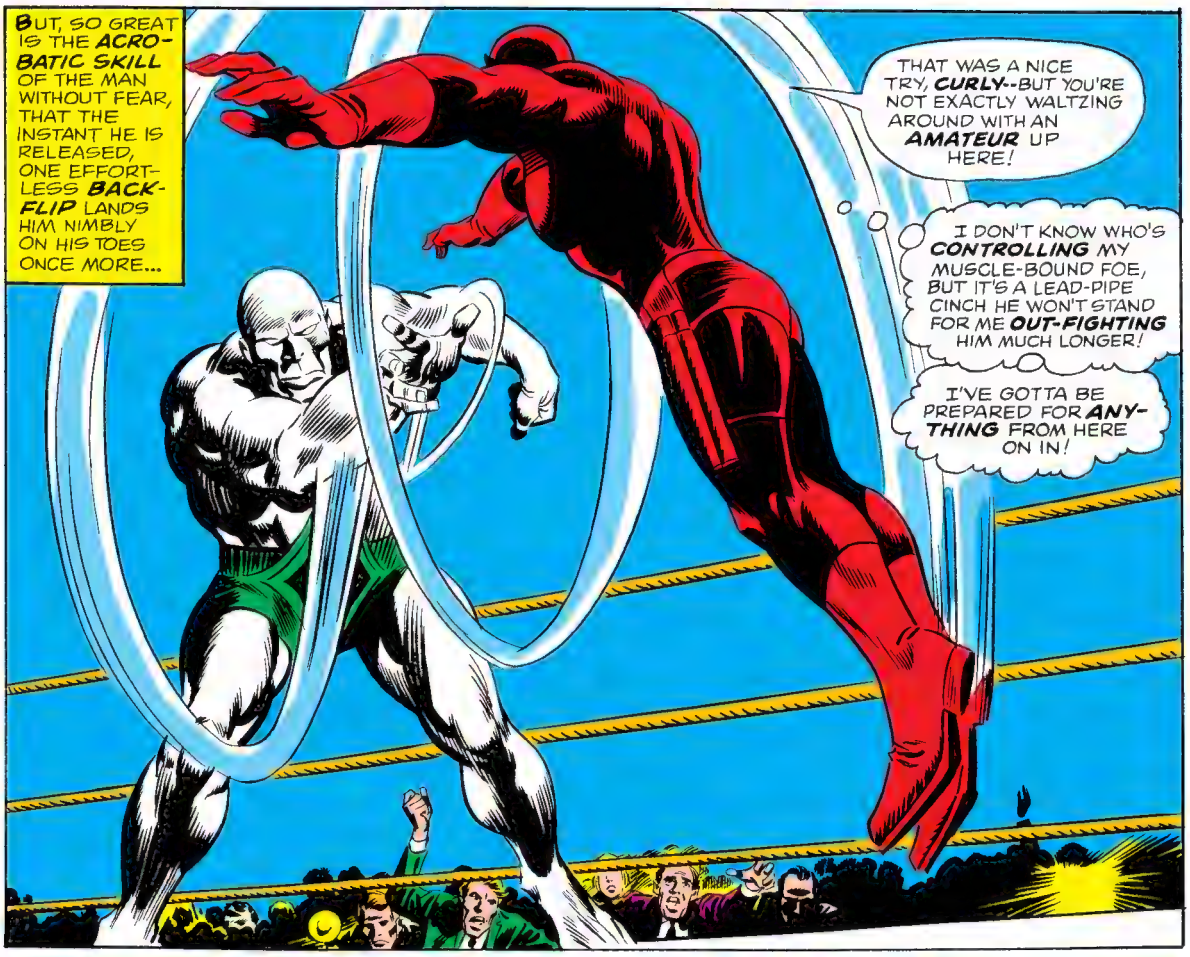

LOOK OUT! HE TOSSED 'IM CLEAN OUTTA THE RING!
HAD ENOUGH, BIG MAN?
HIS SKIN! IT...IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE REAL FLESH!

HE'S CLIMBED BACK IN...COMING TOWARDS ME--!
COME ON--DON'T BE BASHFUL! WE'VE GOTTA GIVE THE FANS A GOOD SHOW!
IT'S STRANGE --HE DOESN'T SEEM ANY THE WORSE FOR WEAR!*
*NATURALLY, DD HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING HE'S FIGHTING A FOE WITH THE MERCILESS STRENGTH OF THE MANGLER! --SET-THE-RECORD-STRAIGHT STAN!

AND THEN, GUIDED BY THE QUICK-THINKING BRAIN, AND THE AGILE DANCER, THE AMAZING TRI-ANDROID MANAGES TO SIDE-STEP DAREDEVIL'S NEXT BLOW...
MY FIRST MISTAKE-- LETTING HIM HAVE A BREATHER!
HE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO INCREASE HIS SPEED IN THE PROCESS!
WHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

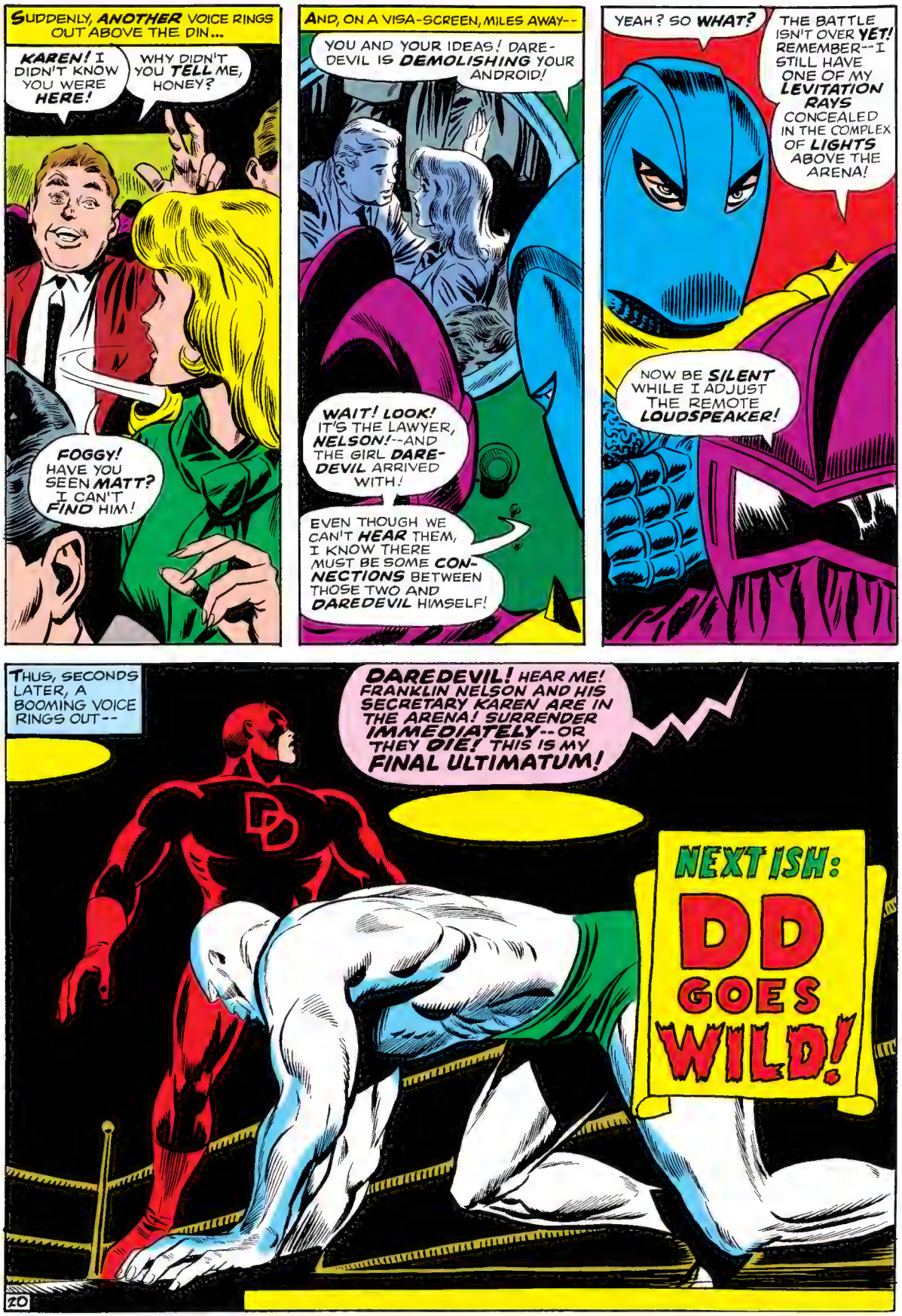
YOU WON'T STRIKE ME AGAIN WITH THAT HAND!
WHY NOT? YOU MEAN YOU WANNA MAKE UP?

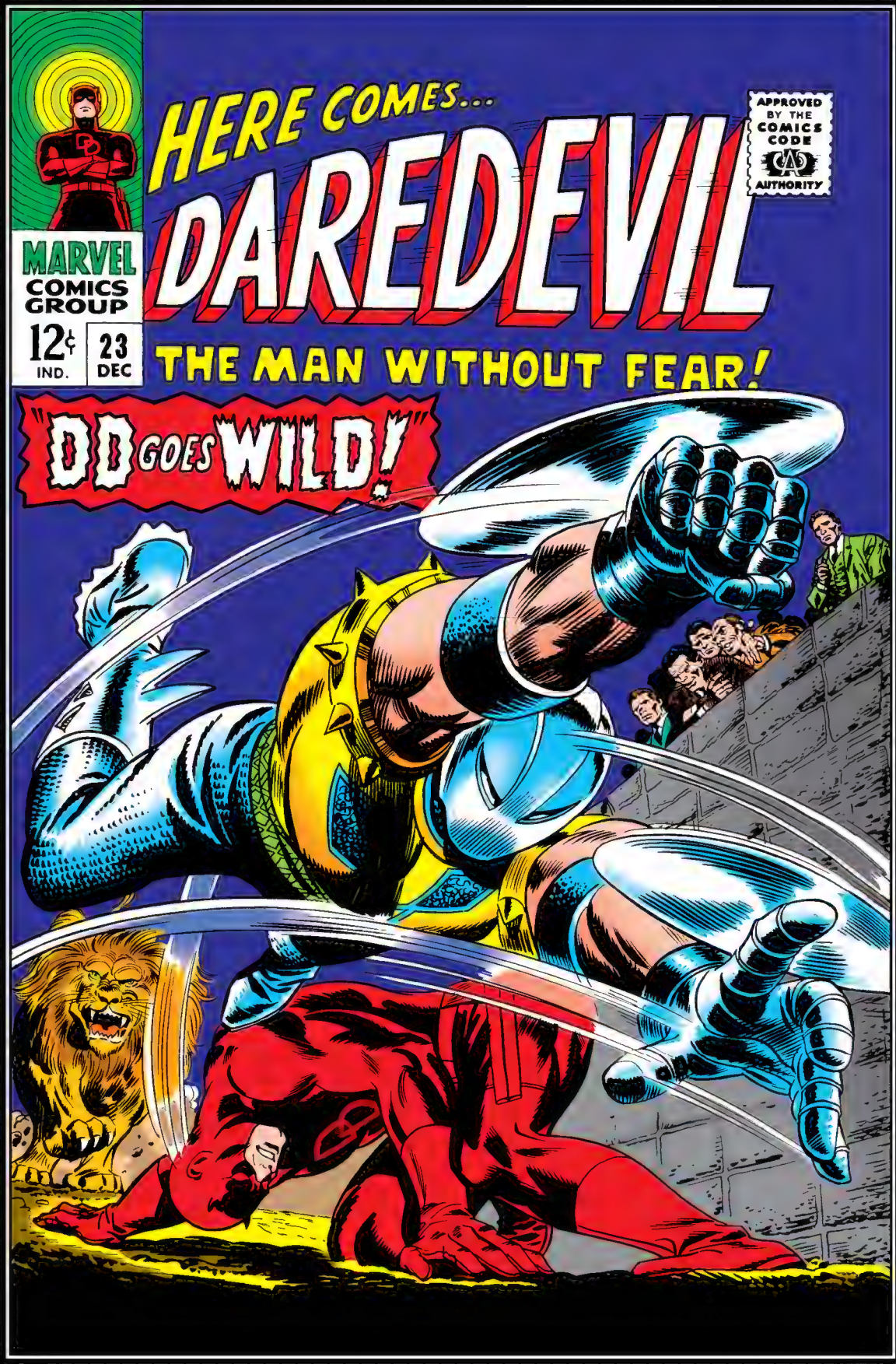
LOOK OUT!
HAH! NOW IT'S MY TURN--TO DESTROY YOU!
DUCK!
DAREDEVIL HASN'T A CHANCE NOW!


BUT, SO GREAT IS THE ACRO-BATIC SKILL OF THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR, THAT THE INSTANT HE IS RELEASED, ONE EFFORT-LESS BACK-FLIP LANDS HIM NIMBLY ON HIS TOES ONCE MORE...
THAT WAS A NICE TRY, CURLY--BUT YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY WALTZING AROUND WITH AN AMATEUR UP HERE!
I DON'T KNOW WHO'S CONTROLLING MY MUSCLE-BOUND FOE, BUT IT'S A LEAD-PIPE CINCH HE WON'T STAND FOR ME OUT-FIGHTING HIM MUCH LONGER!
I'VE GOTTA BE PREPARED FOR ANY-THING FROM HERE ON IN!

AND, AMONG THE CHEERING MULTITUDE, WE FIND...
I CAN'T FIND MATT ANYWHERE! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BROUGHT HIM HERE!
WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THE REAL DAREDEVIL WOULD SHOW UP!
ATTA BOY, DAREDEVIL! YOU'VE GOT 'IM! GO, MAN--GO!

FTHOP!
WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU MADE OF? ANYONE ELSE WOULD BE CHIRPING WITH THE BIRDIES BY NOW!


SUDDENLY, ANOTHER VOICE RINGS OUT ABOVE THE DIN...
KAREN! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME, HONEY?
FOGGY! HAVE YOU SEEN MATT? I CAN'T FIND HIM!
AND, ON A VISA-SCREEN, MILES AWAY--
YOU AND YOUR IDEAS! DAREDEVIL IS DEMOLISHING YOUR ANDROID!
WAIT! LOOK! IT'S THE LAWYER, NELSON!--AND THE GIRL DAREDEVIL ARRIVED WITH!
EVEN THOUGH WE CAN'T HEAR THEM, I KNOW THERE MUST BE SOME CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THOSE TWO AND DAREDEVIL HIMSELF!
YEAH? SO WHAT?
THE BATTLE ISN'T OVER YET! REMEMBER--I STILL HAVE ONE OF MY LEVITATION RAYS CONCEALED IN THE COMPLEX OF LIGHTS ABOVE THE ARENA!
NOW BE SILENT WHILE I ADJUST THE REMOTE LOUDSPEAKER!
THUS, SECONDS LATER, A BOOMING VOICE RINGS OUT--
DAREDEVIL! HEAR ME! FRANKLIN NELSON AND HIS SECRETARY KAREN ARE IN THE ARENA! SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY--OR THEY DIE! THIS IS MY FINAL ULTIMATUM!
NEXT ISH:
DD GOES WILD!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THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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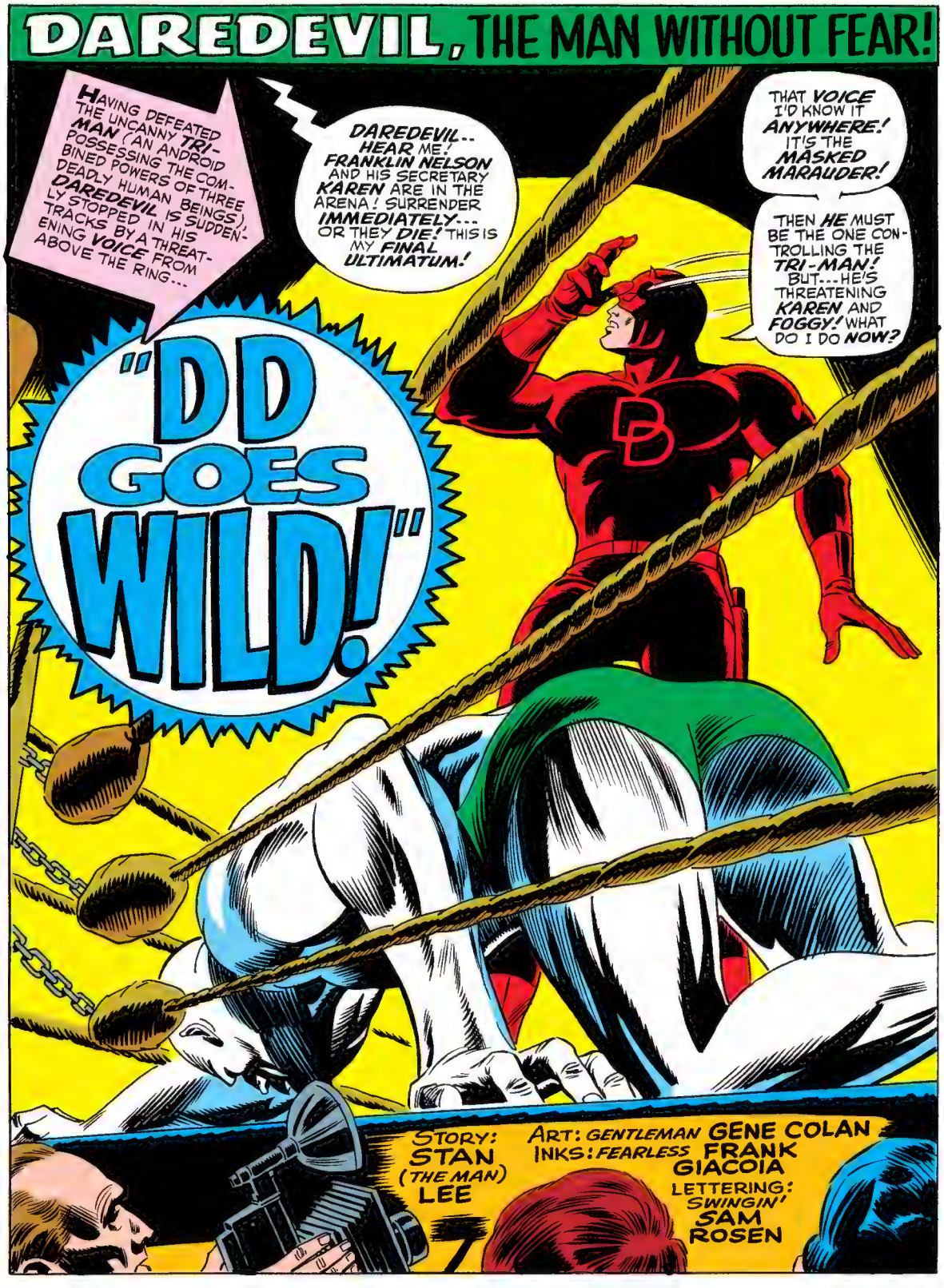
DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
HAVING DEFEATED THE UNCANNY TRI-MAN (AN ANDROID POSSESSING THE COMBINED POWERS OF THREE DEADLY HUMAN BEINGS), DAREDEVIL IS SUDDENLY STOPPED IN HIS TRACKS BY A THREATENING VOICE FROM ABOVE THE RING...
DAREDEVIL--HEAR ME! FRANKLIN NELSON AND HIS SECRETARY KAREN ARE IN THE ARENA! SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY--- OR THEY DIE! THIS IS MY FINAL ULTIMATUM!
THAT VOICE I'D KNOW IT ANYWHERE! IT'S THE MASKED MARAUDER!
THEN HE MUST BE THE ONE CONTROLLING THE TRI-MAN! BUT---HE'S THREATENING KAREN AND FOGGY! WHAT DO I DO NOW?
"DD GOES WILD!"
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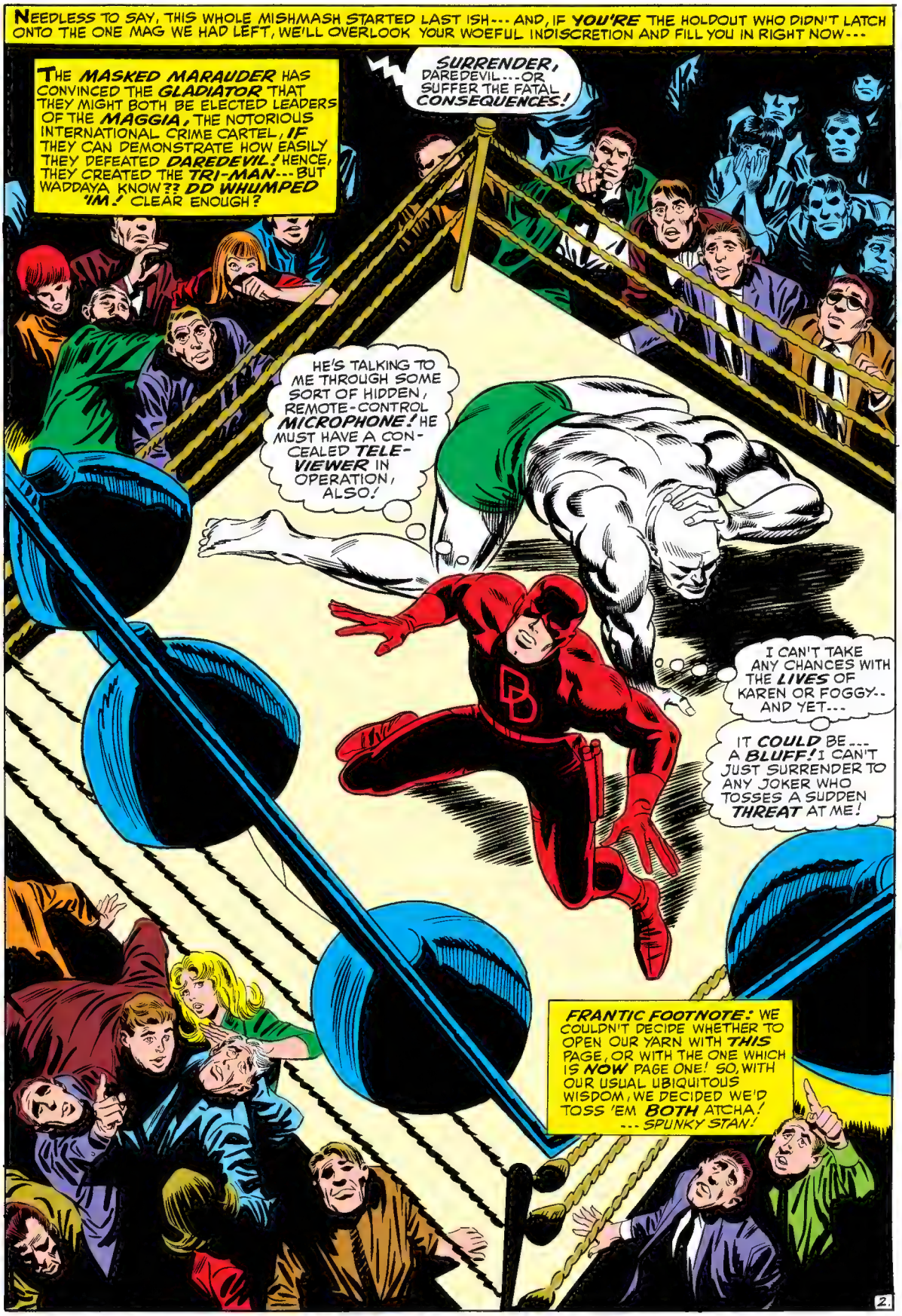
NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS WHOLE MISHMASH STARTED LAST ISH--- AND, IF YOU'RE THE HOLDOUT WHO DIDN'T LATCH ONTO THE ONE MAG WE HAD LEFT, WE'LL OVERLOOK YOUR WOEFUL INDISCRETION AND FILL YOU IN RIGHT NOW---
THE MASKED MARAUDER HAS CONVINCED THE GLADIATOR THAT THEY MIGHT BOTH BE ELECTED LEADERS OF THE MAGGIA, THE NOTORIOUS INTERNATIONAL CRIME CARTEL, IF THEY CAN DEMONSTRATE HOW EASILY THEY DEFEATED DAREDEVIL! HENCE, THEY CREATED THE TRI-MAN--- BUT WADDAYA KNOW?? DD WHUMPED 'IM! CLEAR ENOUGH?
SURRENDER, DAREDEVIL---OR SUFFER THE FATAL CONSEQUENCES!
HE'S TALKING TO ME THROUGH SOME SORT OF HIDDEN, REMOTE-CONTROL MICROPHONE! HE MUST HAVE A CONCEALED TELE-VIEWER IN OPERATION, ALSO!
I CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH THE LIVES OF KAREN OR FOGGY--AND YET---
IT COULD BE--- A BLUFF! I CAN'T JUST SURRENDER TO ANY JOKER WHO TOSSES A SUDDEN THREAT AT ME!
FRANTIC FOOTNOTE: WE COULDN'T DECIDE WHETHER TO OPEN OUR YARN WITH THIS PAGE, OR WITH THE ONE WHICH IS NOW PAGE ONE! SO, WITH OUR USUAL UBIQUITOUS WISDOM, WE DECIDED WE'D TOSS 'EM BOTH ATCHA! --- SPUNKY STAN!
2.

IT'S WORKING! HE STOPPED! HE'S LOOKED AROUND... PUZZLED..!
NOW, ONCE WE GET HIM IN THE RIGHT POSITION, DIRECTLY UNDER THE LEVITATION RAY BEAM...
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THIS'LL WORK ANY BETTER THAN YOUR OTHER NUTTY SCHEMES MISTER?
DON'T BE A FOOL, GLADIATOR! THIS CANNOT FAIL!
IF I CAN LEVITATE HIM OUT HERE TO MY LAB, I'LL PUT HIS POWERS INTO MY TRI-ANDROID, ALSO!
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP ME!
HE'LL THEN BE WORKING FOR US, INSTEAD OF AGAINST US---AND THE MAGGIA WILL HAVE TO ADMIT ONLY WE ARE QUALIFIED TO LEAD THEM!
BUT, WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER TWO--- NELSON--- AND THE GIRL?
THEY'RE OF NO INTEREST TO ME! I ONLY MENTIONED THEM TO WORRY HIM--- TO CONFUSE HIM!
NO MORE TALK! HE'S GETTING INTO POSITION! GET THE SWITCHES READY!
WE'LL USE SPLIT-SECOND TIMING! I'LL LEVITATE THE ANDROID FIRST!
WHY HIM? WHAT ABOUT DAREDEVIL?
LET ME DO THE THINKING! YOU'LL SEE!
NOW! THROW THE SWITCH--- FAST!
OKAY---YOU GOT IT!
CLICK!
SKRAKK!
3.

AND, BACK AT THE ARENA ---
THAT SUDDEN SHIFT OF AIR CURRENTS! THE ANDROID IS MOVING UPWARD!
BUT, MY RADAR SENSE IS LOSING THE TOP OF HIS BODY---!
---IT'S AS THOUGH HE'S BEGINNING TO FADE AWAY!
YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE, DAREDEVIL!
FIRST, WE SHALL REMOVE OUR ANDROID, WHERE YOU CANNOT GET HIM--!
SHWOOO-OSH!
WHATEVER IS GOING ON HERE, THE ANDROID IS THE KEY TO IT! I CAN'T LET HIM ESCAPE!
OH NO YOU DON'T! WHERE HE GOES---I GO! I'VE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO HIS FACE!
YOU RECKLESS FOOL! THAT WAS JUST WHAT I WANTED YOU TO DO!
AND NOW, IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOU TO TURN BACK! WE'VE GOT YOU!
AND HE SOUNDS LIKE HE MEANS IT!
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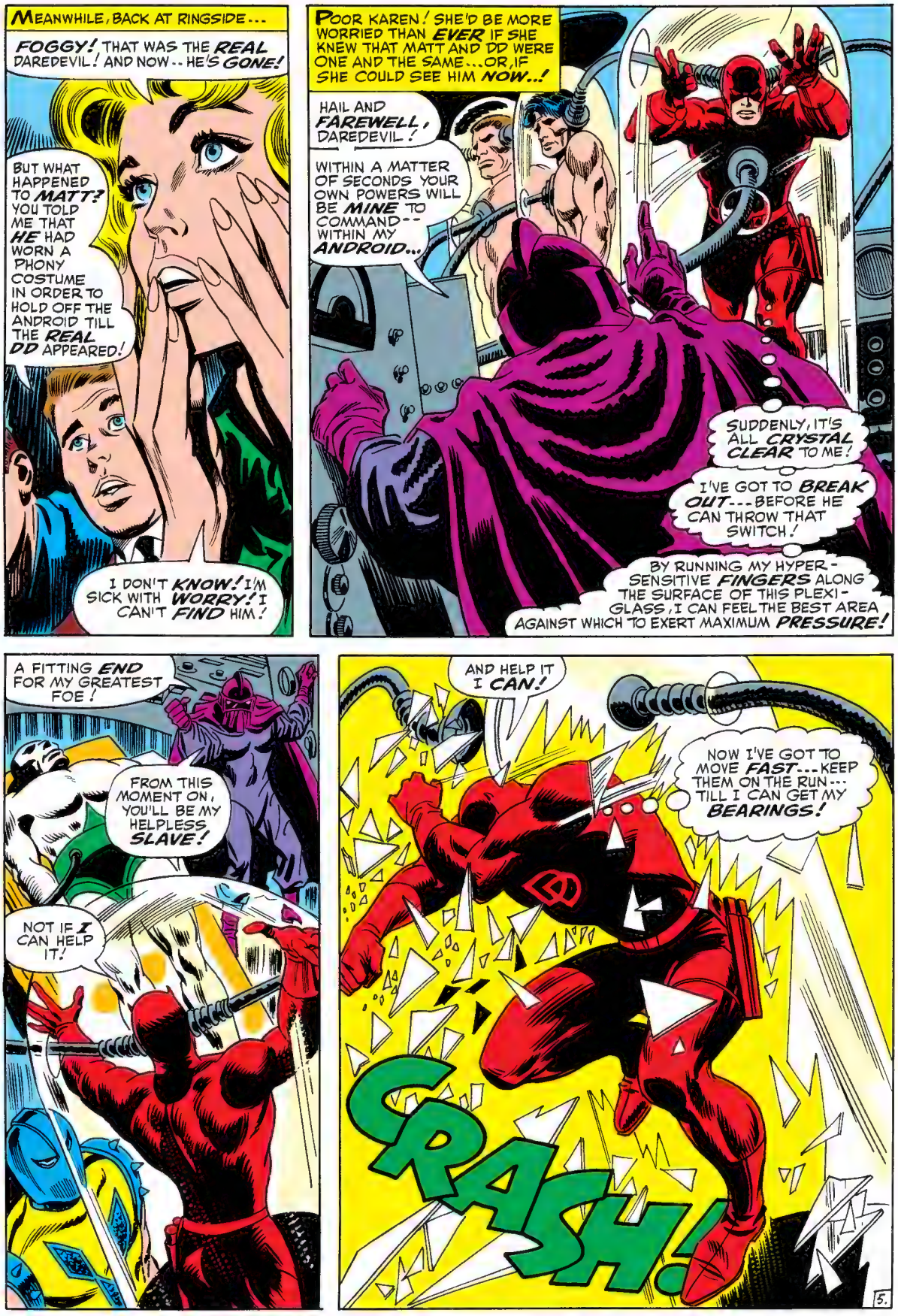
MEANWHILE, BACK AT RINGSIDE...
FOGGY! THAT WAS THE REAL DAREDEVIL! AND NOW -- HE'S GONE!
BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO MATT? YOU TOLD ME THAT HE HAD WORN A PHONY COSTUME IN ORDER TO HOLD OFF THE ANDROID TILL THE REAL DD APPEARED!
I DON'T KNOW! I'M SICK WITH WORRY! I CAN'T FIND HIM!
POOR KAREN! SHE'D BE MORE WORRIED THAN EVER IF SHE KNEW THAT MATT AND DD WERE ONE AND THE SAME...OR, IF SHE COULD SEE HIM NOW..!
HAIL AND FAREWELL, DAREDEVIL!
WITHIN A MATTER OF SECONDS YOUR OWN POWERS WILL BE MINE TO COMMAND -- WITHIN MY ANDROID...
SUDDENLY, IT'S ALL CRYSTAL CLEAR TO ME!
I'VE GOT TO BREAK OUT---BEFORE HE CAN THROW THAT SWITCH!
BY RUNNING MY HYPER-SENSITIVE FINGERS ALONG THE SURFACE OF THIS PLEXI-GLASS, I CAN FEEL THE BEST AREA AGAINST WHICH TO EXERT MAXIMUM PRESSURE!
A FITTING END FOR MY GREATEST FOE!
FROM THIS MOMENT ON, YOU'LL BE MY HELPLESS SLAVE!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
AND HELP IT I CAN!
NOW I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST---KEEP THEM ON THE RUN--- TILL I CAN GET MY BEARINGS!
CRASH!
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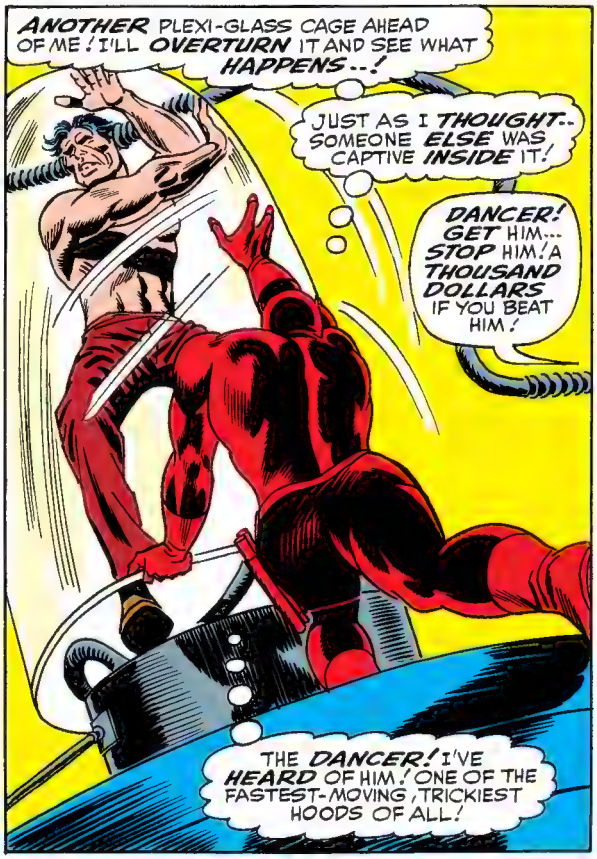
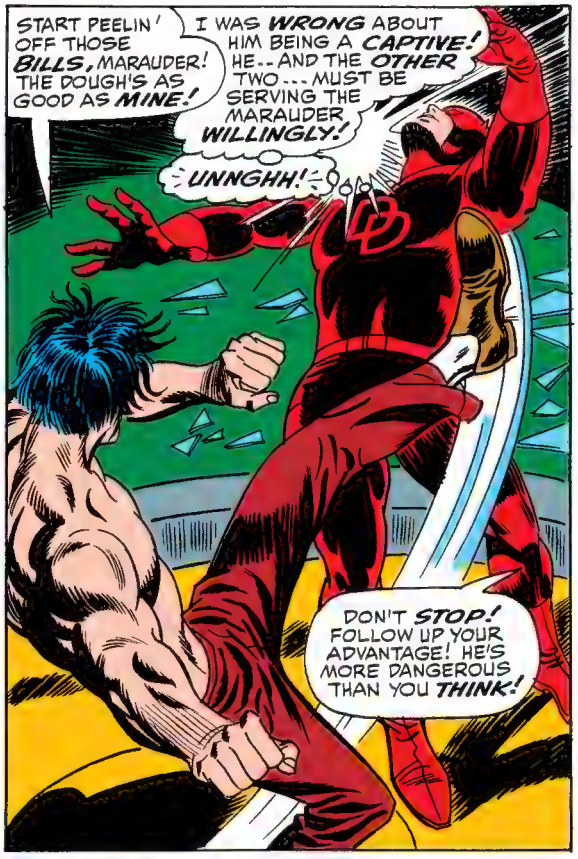
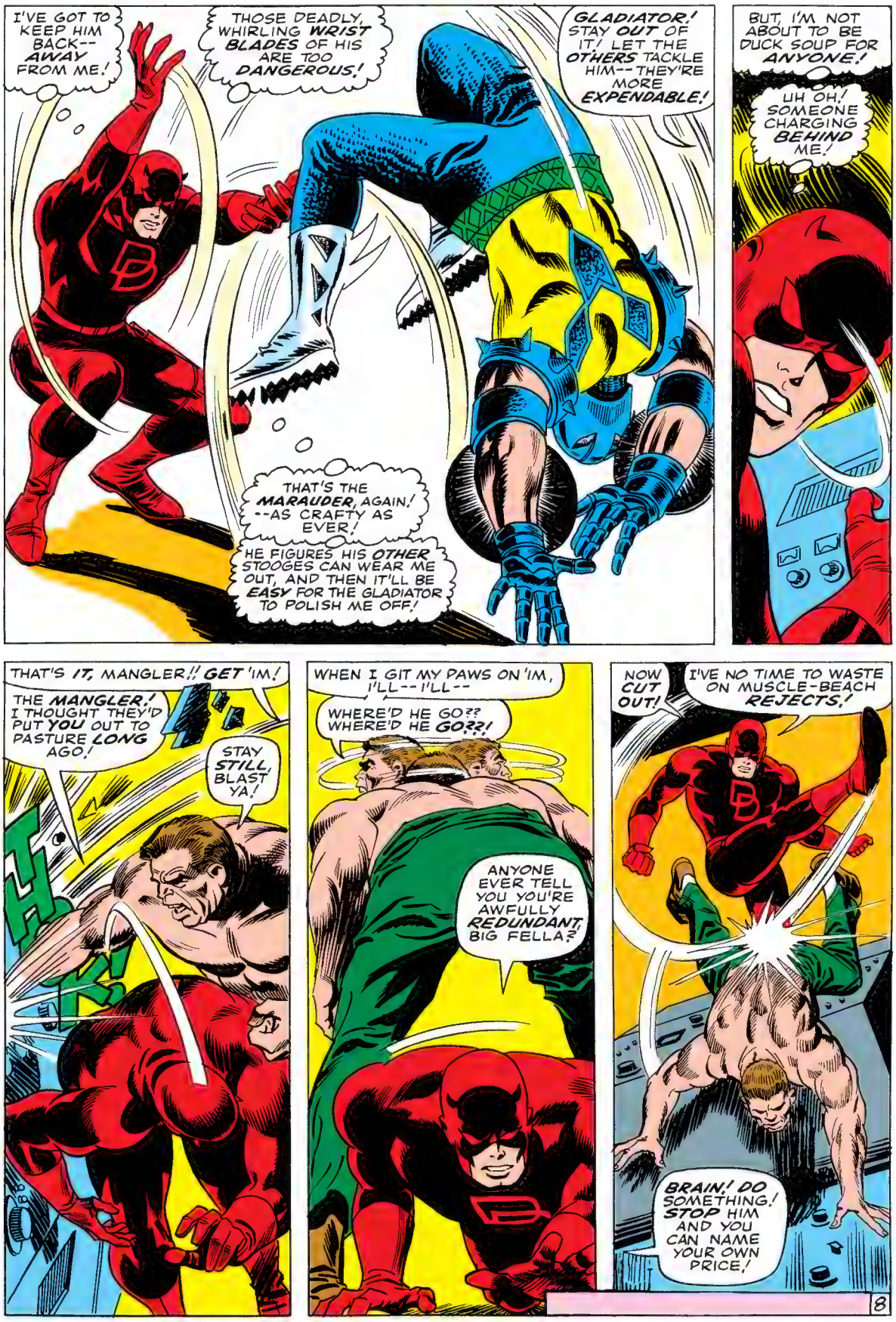

ANOTHER PLEXI-GLASS CAGE AHEAD OF ME! I'LL OVERTURN IT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS--!
JUST AS I THOUGHT-- SOMEONE ELSE WAS CAPTIVE INSIDE IT!
DANCER! GET HIM... STOP HIM! A THOUSAND DOLLARS IF YOU BEAT HIM!
THE DANCER! I'VE HEARD OF HIM! ONE OF THE FASTEST-MOVING, TRICKIEST HOODS OF ALL!


START PEELIN' OFF THOSE BILLS, MARAUDER! THE DOUGH'S AS GOOD AS MINE!
I WAS WRONG ABOUT HIM BEING A CAPTIVE! HE--AND THE OTHER TWO--- MUST BE SERVING THE MARAUDER WILLINGLY!
UNNGHH!
DON'T STOP! FOLLOW UP YOUR ADVANTAGE! HE'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN YOU THINK!

DON'T WORRY! NOBODY CAN MOVE FAST ENUFF TO BEAT THE DANCER!
I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, SONNY--!
THUMP!

WHUPPF!
...YOU CAN CALL ME NOBODY!

NOW, DON'T WORRY, SUNBEAM... I WON'T LET YOU FALL!
CAN'T STAY HERE ANY LONGER... SOMEONE RUNNING TOWARDS ME... SOUNDS LIKE... THE GLADIATOR!
THUMP!
THUD!
I TOLD YOU I WOULDN'T LET YOU FALL...
BUT, I DIDN'T PROMISE NOT TO THROW YOU!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT!
I WAS RIGHT! IT IS THE GLADIATOR! HE MUST HAVE TEAMED UP WITH THE MARAUDER!
WHAT A COMBO THOSE TWO WILL MAKE!
I KNOW I'M SUPPOSED TO BE FEARLESS... BUT THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS!
YOU FELLAS GET BETTER ACQUAINTED FOR A WHILE... I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO!
SKLANK!
I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS...!!
SWITTTTT
THAT'S REAL CLEVER OF YOU, GLADDIE...
BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE WAITED A WHILE LONGER!


I'VE GOT TO KEEP HIM BACK-- AWAY FROM ME!
THOSE DEADLY, WHIRLING WRIST BLADES OF HIS ARE TOO DANGEROUS!
GLADIATOR! STAY OUT OF IT! LET THE OTHERS TACKLE HIM-- THEY'RE MORE EXPENDABLE!
THAT'S THE MARAUDER, AGAIN! --AS CRAFTY AS EVER!
HE FIGURES HIS OTHER STOOGES CAN WEAR ME OUT, AND THEN IT'LL BE EASY FOR THE GLADIATOR TO POLISH ME OFF!
BUT, I'M NOT ABOUT TO BE DUCK SOUP FOR ANYONE!
UH OH! SOMEONE CHARGING BEHIND ME!
THAT'S IT, MANGLER!! GET 'IM!
THE MANGLER! I THOUGHT THEY'D PUT YOU OUT TO PASTURE LONG AGO!
STAY STILL, BLAST YA!
H
WHEN I GIT MY PAWS ON 'IM, I'LL-- I'LL--
WHERE'D HE GO?? WHERE'D HE GO??!
ANYONE EVER TELL YOU YOU'RE AWFULLY REDUNDANT, BIG FELLA?
NOW CUT OUT!
I'VE NO TIME TO WASTE ON MUSCLE-BEACH REJECTS!
BRAIN! DO SOMETHING! STOP HIM AND YOU CAN NAME YOUR OWN PRICE!

MONEY TALKS, MARAUDER!
THESE TWO LIVE WIRES WILL FINISH HIM!
SO! THE ONCE-BRILLIANT BRAIN HAS STOOPED TO BEING A PAID ASSASSIN NOW!

DON'T WASTE YOUR WORDS, DAREDEVIL!!
FOR, THEY'LL BE THE LAST YOU EVER SPEAK!
IF THOSE WIRES TOUCH ME--I'M A GONER! --HE'S TOSSING THEM!

MOVING WITH REFLEXES FAR SPEEDIER THAN ANY SIGHTED MAN COULD HOPE TO POSSESS, DAREDEVIL EVADES THE FATAL COILS BY A HAIRSBREADTH--!
WHEW!
I WOULDN'T WANNA FACE A STEADY DIET OF THAT!
FZZST!

AND NOW, BROTHER BRAIN, HERE'S SOMETHING RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY!
--A MOBILE ELECTRONIC CALCULATOR CONSOLE!
JUST WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED!
LET GO OF THAT, YOU FOOL! YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
DON'T I?
HE'S RIGHT ON TARGET! SO--HERE GOES!

OKAY! WE PLAYED IT THE MARAUDER'S WAY UP TILL NOW!
-OOPS!- SORRY, PLAYMATE! LOOKS LIKE I'M JUST AN OL' BUTTER-FINGERS!
HOPE YOU'VE GOT COLLISION INSURANCE!
WHOOSH!
BUT, FROM HERE ON IN-- THE GLADIATOR TAKES OVER!
YOU BUMBLING INCOMPETENT! YOU FAILED-- JUST LIKE THE OTHER TWO!
NOW IT'S UP TO ME--AND THE GLADIATOR!
THONK!
YOU HEARD THE MAN, ACTION-LOVERS--SO, BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES, 'CAUSE AWAAAAY WE GO--

I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS--!
WELL, GOODY! WE'LL GIVE YOU "A" FOR PATIENCE!
ALTHOUGH WE'LL HAVE TO SCORE YOU "F" FOR TIMING! YOU TELEGRAPHED THAT ONE BY A COUNTRY MILE!
MOSTLY BECAUSE I COULD HEAR THE CHANGE IN HIS PULSE BEAT WHEN HE LAUNCHED HIS SWING!
IF YOU'RE GONNA KEEP TOSSING PUNCHES AT ME LIKE THAT, YOU'LL HAVE TO TURN IN YOUR DD FAN CLUB BUTTON!
FTOP!
YOU TALK A GREAT FIGHT, SMART GUY!
NOW, PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS!
WOK!
-UNHHH!-
I'D NEVER DO A THING LIKE THAT --WITHOUT SALT AND PEPPER!
SO! A BIG-MOUTHED WISE-GUY TO THE END, HUH?
RIGHT! 'CEPT FOR ONE THING--!
THIS IS FAR FROM THE END--!
-MMPPFFFFF!-
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AND, AS THE BATTLE RAGES--
WITH ALL HIS ARMOR--ALL HIS WEAPONS--THE GLADIATOR STILL MAY LOSE!
THEREFORE, I MUST TAKE NO CHANCES!
CLICK!
NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME, THE MASKED MARAUDER MUST BE THE ULTIMATE VICTOR!
AT THAT MOMENT, AT MAGGIA HEADQUARTERS, ACROSS THE SEA--
IT'S THE MASKED MARAUDER! HE'S CONTACTING US!
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO SHOW US HOW EASY YOU COULD POLISH OFF DAREDEVIL, MARAUDER! SO FAR, YOUR BOAST IS ONE BIG DUD! WE'RE STILL WAITING!
YOU WILL WAIT NO LONGER!
NOT ONLY WILL I DELIVER THE MASKED CRIME-FIGHTER TO YOU, BUT THE GLADIATOR, AS WELL!
THEY ARE BATTLING EACH OTHER RIGHT NOW--AND YOU CAN DISPOSE OF THEM AS YOU WISH!
YOU'RE SENDING THEM BOTH TO US? IF YOU CAN DO THAT, IT'LL CUT PLENTY OF ICE, MISTER!
HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT! REMEMBER THAT LEVITATION MACHINE HE'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE INVENTED?
YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT! AND I KNOW JUST THE PLACE TO DELIVER THEM TO!
LISTEN, MARAUDER! WE'RE HAVING A BIG-TIME CONVENTION NEAR THE COAST--ON THE SITE WHERE THEY JUST FINISHED FILMING ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE BIBLICAL MOVIES!
THE KINGPINS OF EVERY MAGGIA DIVISION ARE ASSEMBLING IN A REPLICA OF THE OLD ROMAN COLOSSEUM WHICH THE PRODUCERS LEFT BEHIND!
IF YOU CAN DROP DAREDEVIL AND THE GLADIATOR IN THAT OLD, ABANDONED MOVIE SET WHERE WE CAN WATCH 'EM FIGHT--WE'RE JUST LIABLE TO FIGURE THAT YOU'RE THE GUY TO LEAD US!
WHAT A SHOW THAT'LL BE! THE BOYS'LL EAT IT UP!
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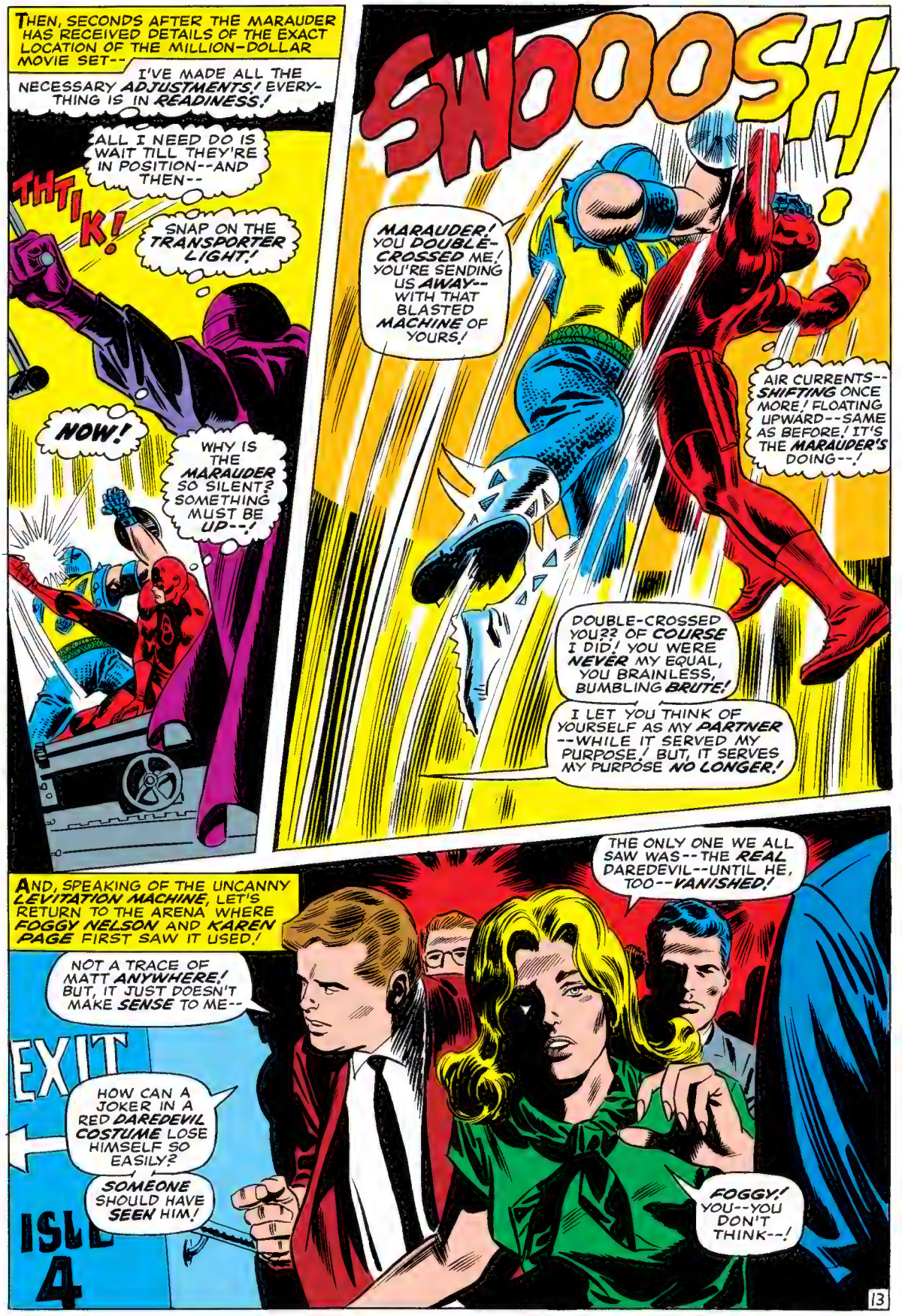
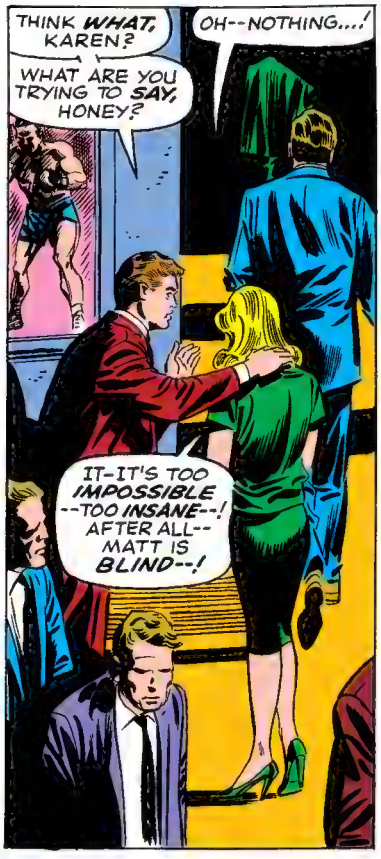
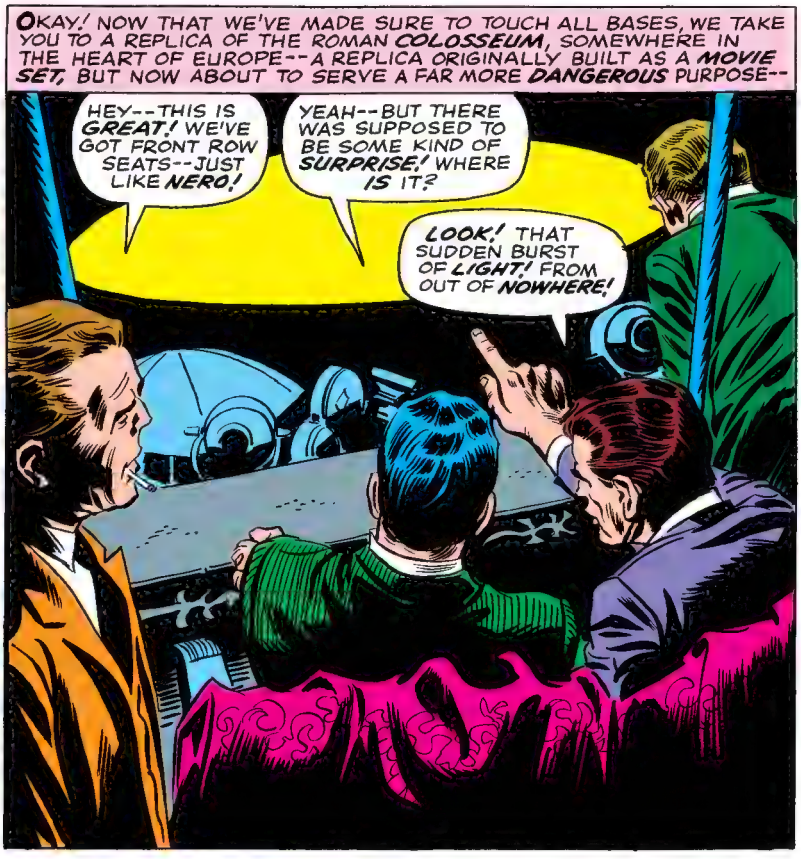
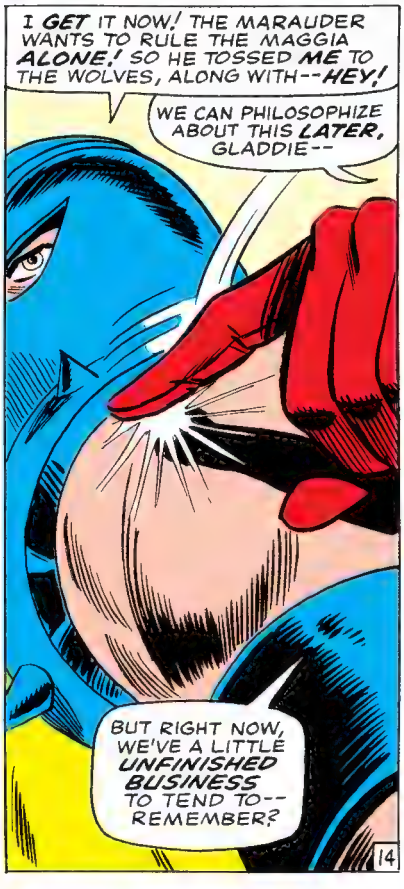

THEN, SECONDS AFTER THE MARAUDER HAS RECEIVED DETAILS OF THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE MILLION-DOLLAR MOVIE SET--
I'VE MADE ALL THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS! EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS!
ALL I NEED DO IS WAIT TILL THEY'RE IN POSITION--AND THEN--
THTIK!
SNAP ON THE TRANSPORTER LIGHT!
NOW!
WHY IS THE MARAUDER SO SILENT? SOMETHING MUST BE UP--!
SWOOOSH!
MARAUDER! YOU DOUBLE-CROSSED ME! YOU'RE SENDING US AWAY--WITH THAT BLASTED MACHINE OF YOURS!
AIR CURRENTS--SHIFTING ONCE MORE! FLOATING UPWARD--SAME AS BEFORE! IT'S THE MARAUDER'S DOING--!
DOUBLE-CROSSED YOU?? OF COURSE I DID! YOU WERE NEVER MY EQUAL, YOU BRAINLESS, BUMBLING BRUTE!
I LET YOU THINK OF YOURSELF AS MY PARTNER --WHILE IT SERVED MY PURPOSE! BUT, IT SERVES MY PURPOSE NO LONGER!
AND, SPEAKING OF THE UNCANNY LEVITATION MACHINE, LET'S RETURN TO THE ARENA WHERE FOGGY NELSON AND KAREN PAGE FIRST SAW IT USED!
NOT A TRACE OF MATT ANYWHERE! BUT, IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME--
EXIT
HOW CAN A JOKER IN A RED DAREDEVIL COSTUME LOSE HIMSELF SO EASILY?
SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE SEEN HIM!
ISLE 4
THE ONLY ONE WE ALL SAW WAS--THE REAL DAREDEVIL--UNTIL HE, TOO--VANISHED!
FOGGY! YOU--YOU DON'T THINK--!


THINK WHAT, KAREN?
OH--NOTHING...!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, HONEY?
IT-IT'S TOO IMPOSSIBLE --TOO INSANE--! AFTER ALL-- MATT IS BLIND--!


OKAY! NOW THAT WE'VE MADE SURE TO TOUCH ALL BASES, WE TAKE YOU TO A REPLICA OF THE ROMAN COLOSSEUM, SOMEWHERE IN THE HEART OF EUROPE--A REPLICA ORIGINALLY BUILT AS A MOVIE SET, BUT NOW ABOUT TO SERVE A FAR MORE DANGEROUS PURPOSE--
HEY--THIS IS GREAT! WE'VE GOT FRONT ROW SEATS--JUST LIKE NERO!
YEAH--BUT THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SOME KIND OF SURPRISE! WHERE IS IT?
LOOK! THAT SUDDEN BURST OF LIGHT! FROM OUT OF NOWHERE!

THEN, WITHIN THE CENTER OF THE BLINDING BEAM, TWO POWERFUL FIGURES AMAZINGLY APPEAR--
IT'S DAREDEVIL --AND THE GLADIATOR-- LIKE HE PROMISED!
A BIG COLOSSEUM-- LIKE IN ANCIENT TIMES!
AND, IN THE STANDS--BIGWIGS FROM THE MAGGIA--I RECOGNIZE MOST OF THEM!
MIGHTY OBLIGING OF THE GLADIATOR TO CLUE IN HIS SIGHTLESS SPARRING PARTNER!


I GET IT NOW! THE MARAUDER WANTS TO RULE THE MAGGIA ALONE! SO HE TOSSED ME TO THE WOLVES, ALONG WITH--HEY!
WE CAN PHILOSOPHIZE ABOUT THIS LATER, GLADDIE--
BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'VE A LITTLE UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO TEND TO-- REMEMBER?

AND, WE WOULDN'T WANNA DISAPPOINT ALL THE CASH CUSTOMERS, WOULD WE?
I'VE GOT TO PUT THE GLADIATOR OUT OF ACTION, SOMEHOW--SO THAT I CAN LEARN WHAT THIS REALLY ALL ABOUT!
BUT, SOMETHING TELLS ME IT WON'T BE EASY!
I--ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT YOU--!
THAT BLAMED ARMOR OF HIS! I ALMOST SHATTERED MY KNEE BONE!
THEN, HERE --THIS'LL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY!
WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO KEEP YOU DOWN, ANYWAY??
SUPPOSE WE TRY A KARATE CHOP--JUST FOR SIZE!
THK
HAH! MY ARMOR IS TOO STRONG FOR YOU! BUT--HERE'S SAND IN YOUR EYE!
SHUSSH!
SAND--?!!
CAN'T LET THEM SUSPECT I'M BLIND!
I'LL HAVE TO ACT AS THOUGH THE SAND IMPAIRED MY EYESIGHT --AS THOUGH I'M TRYING TO CLEAR MY EYES!
HEY! HOW'D YOU DODGE ME WHEN THE SAND BLINDED YOU??
OH, I DON'T KNOW!
JUST LUCKY, I GUESS!
THONK!
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HAVE TO KEEP MOVING--DON'T DARE LET HIM TAKE THE ATTACK--NOT WITH THOSE FLASHING WRIST BLADES OF HIS--
JUST BETWEEN US, GLADDIE--
--DID ANYONE EVER TELL YOU WHAT A DANDY WEATHER VANE YOU'D MAKE?
SAY! THAT DAREDEVIL IS EVEN BETTER THAN I'VE HEARD HE WAS!
THE GLADIATOR IS NO SLOUCH, EITHER! WITH MORE TRAINING--MORE SKILL--HE'D BE NEARLY UNBEATABLE!
-OOPS!- SORRY ABOUT THAT!
BTAM!
I FAILED! HE'S STILL CONSCIOUS! HIS ARMOR CUSHIONED THE IMPACT!
YOU'VE DONE ALL YOU COULD --AND STILL I'M UNBEATEN!
SO--NOW YOU WILL FACE--MY INVINCIBLE DISCS!
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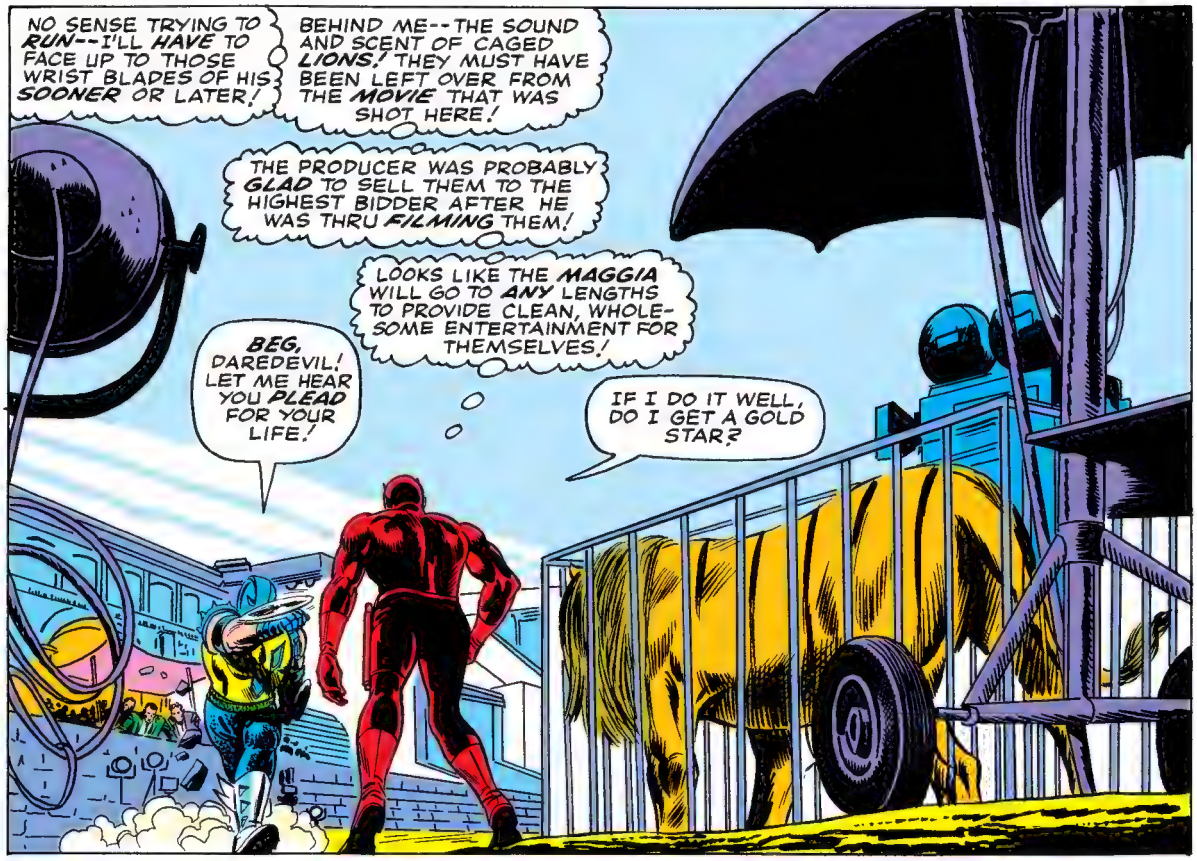
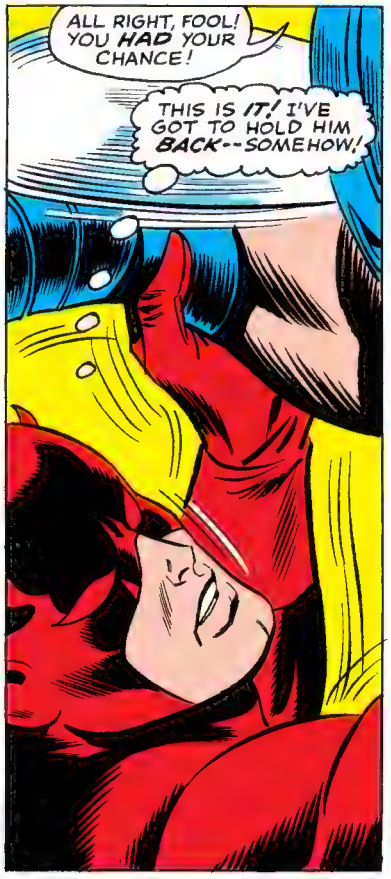

NO SENSE TRYING TO RUN--I'LL HAVE TO FACE UP TO THOSE WRIST BLADES OF HIS SOONER OR LATER!
BEHIND ME--THE SOUND AND SCENT OF CAGED LIONS! THEY MUST HAVE BEEN LEFT OVER FROM THE MOVIE THAT WAS SHOT HERE!
THE PRODUCER WAS PROBABLY GLAD TO SELL THEM TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AFTER HE WAS THRU FILMING THEM!
LOOKS LIKE THE MAGGIA WILL GO TO ANY LENGTHS TO PROVIDE CLEAN, WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT FOR THEMSELVES!
BEG, DAREDEVIL! LET ME HEAR YOU PLEAD FOR YOUR LIFE!
IF I DO IT WELL, DO I GET A GOLD STAR?

IF YOU DON'T DO IT, YOU GET A FUNERAL! THE CHOICE IS YOURS!
SORRY, CHUM! I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO IMPRESS THE GUYS IN THE GALLERY --BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT WITHOUT MY HELP!
POKKK


ALL RIGHT, FOOL! YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE!
THIS IS IT! I'VE GOT TO HOLD HIM BACK--SOMEHOW!

I'M BIGGER THAN YOU--STRONGER--BETTER ARMED--
YOU CAN'T STOP ME!
MEBBE NOT! BUT, I'M GONNA MAKE ONE HECK OF A TRY--!
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I'M NOT KNOCKING STRENGTH, BUT A LITTLE JUDO ISN'T A BAD THING TO USE, EITHER!
THAT SLASHING, GRINDING SOUND! HIS WRIST BLADES MUST HAVE ACCIDENTALLY CUT THRU THE BARS OF THE CAGE!
SS KAK!
THE LION! IT'S LOOSE!
RRRRR
HE'S STOPPING!
THE GLADIATOR'S CRY ATTRACTED HIS ATTENTION!
HE'S TURNING TOWARDS ME--!
RRRRRRR
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I KNEW THOSE DIZZY DISCS OF YOURS WOULD GET YOU IN A JAM YET!
NOW SEE IF YOU CAN STAY OUT OF TROUBLE LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GO INTO MY ACT!
BY HEARING HIS PULSE BEAT, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANTICIPATE EVERY MOVE OF OUR CAREWORN CARNIVORE!
Scri
BACK UP, KITTY! --THAT'S IT!
LUCKY THEY USUALLY USE OLDER, LESS AGILE LIONS IN EPIC MOVIES!
DON'T TRY ANY-THING BACK THERE, GLADDIE-- OR I'LL SIC TABBY ON YOU!
HIS OWN CAGE IS SHATTERED--
--BUT, I HEARD HIS TAIL SWISH AGAINST ANOTHER ONE-- AND IT SOUNDS EMPTY!
THAT'S IT-- JUST A LITTLE FURTHER--!
WHEW!- WELL, I'M NO KA-ZAR-- BUT THEN, I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT YOU'RE NO ZABU, EITHER!*
*LONG-TIME D.D. DEVOTEES WILL REMEMBER KA-ZAR AND HIS SABER-TOOTHED KITTY! NEWCOMERS, DON'T DESPAIR--THEY'LL BE BACK REAL SOON! --STEADFAST STAN!
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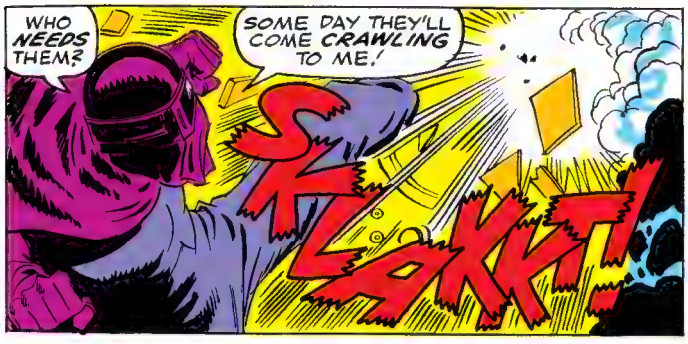
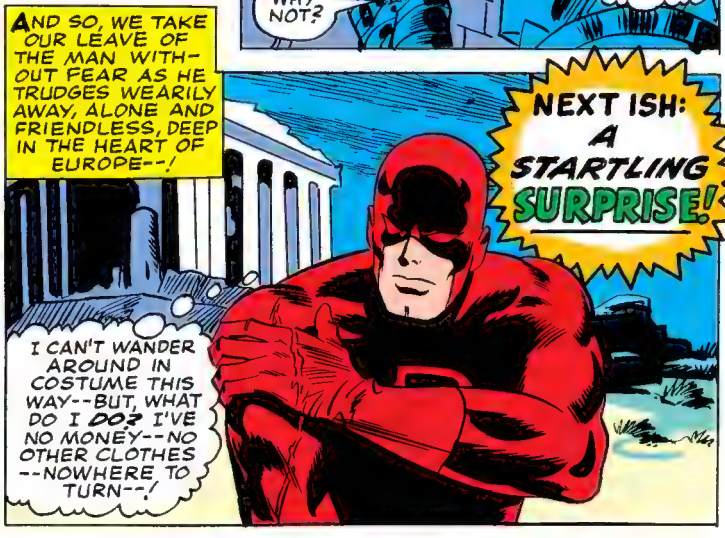
BUT THEN, WHEN DAREDEVIL SPINS ABOUT TO FACE HIS FOE ONCE MORE--
HEY, GLADIATOR! NOW'S YOUR CHANCE! FINISH HIM OFF!
FORGET IT! I DON'T FIGHT A GUY WHO JUST SAVED MY LIFE!
YOU'VE ALL HAD IT! THE SHOW'S OVER!
THE MASKED MARAUDER WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE ARRANGED THIS SO WE COULD WATCH DAREDEVIL'S DEFEAT!
BUT, IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE HE'S THE WINNER!

YOU WANTED US TO PICK YOU TO HEAD THE MAGGIA, EH?
IF THAT'S HOW YOUR PLANS TURN OUT, WE WOULDN'T EVEN WANT YOU FOR A MASCOT!
WHY, YOU--!
SIGN OFF, MASKED MAN! YOU'VE HAD IT!


WHO NEEDS THEM?
SOME DAY THEY'LL COME CRAWLING TO ME!
SKLAKK!

WE LIKE YOUR STYLE, GLADIATOR!
YOU WE CAN USE!
WANT TO JOIN UP WITH US?
WHY NOT?
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE I FIND A WAY TO TAKE OVER!

HEY, YOU GUYS--LOOK! WHAT ABOUT HIM?
YOU WANT TO GO DOWN THERE AND TACKLE HIM ALONE?
NOT ON YOUR LIFE!
THEN CLAM UP--AND LET HIM GO!


AND SO, WE TAKE OUR LEAVE OF THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR AS HE TRUDGES WEARILY AWAY, ALONE AND FRIENDLESS, DEEP IN THE HEART OF EUROPE--!
I CAN'T WANDER AROUND IN COSTUME THIS WAY--BUT, WHAT DO I DO? I'VE NO MONEY--NO OTHER CLOTHES --NOWHERE TO TURN--!
NEXT ISH: A STARTLING SURPRISE!

HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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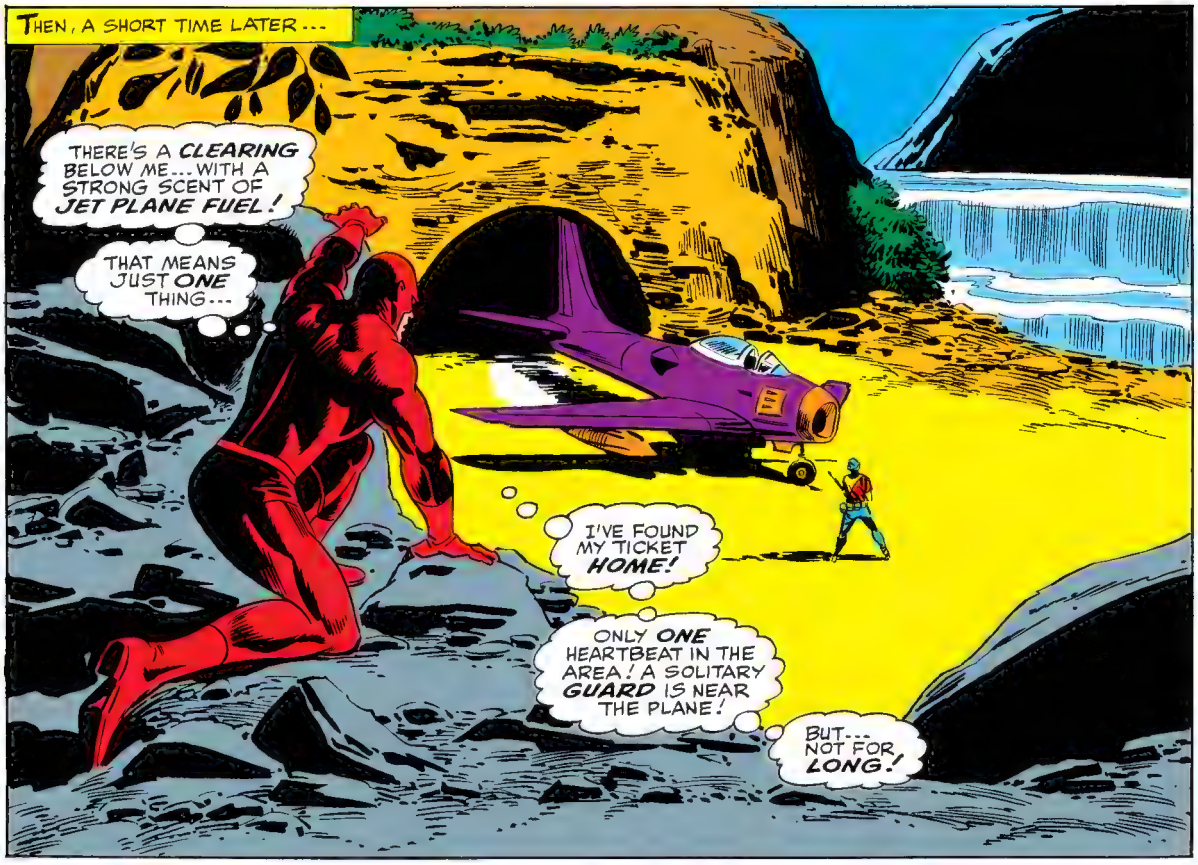
GUEST-STARRING:
KA-ZAR, THE GREAT!

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"THE MYSTERY OF THE MIDNIGHT STALKER!"
TAKE ANOTHER STEP--- AND YOU DIE!
SIX PULSEBEATS IN FRONT OF ME! THE SOUND OF TRIGGERS BEING COCKED! I'M CONFRONTED BY ARMED MEN--- A BAND OF REBEL BRIGANDS!
I RECOGNIZE HIM! IT IS THE ONE KNOWN AS DAREDEVIL--- FROM FAR-OFF AMERICA!
THE GOVERNMENT MUST NOW BE IMPORTING PAID SOLDIERS-OF-FORTUNE TO CRUSH OUR GUERILLA BAND!
A STAN LEE * GENE COLAN CONTEMPORARY CLASSIC!
INKED BY: FRANK GIACOIA
LETTERED BY: S.ROSEN
AFTER DEFEATING THE GLADIATOR IN BATTLE LAST ISH, THE SIGHTLESS DAREDEVIL FINDS HIMSELF ALONE AND UNARMED IN A HOSTILE NATION SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE ...A NATION TORN BY STRIFE AND REVOLUTION! AND, IF THIS DRAMATIC DILEMMA GRABS YOU THE WAY WE HOPE IT WILL, THEN READ ON, FRANTIC ONE --- READ ON ---

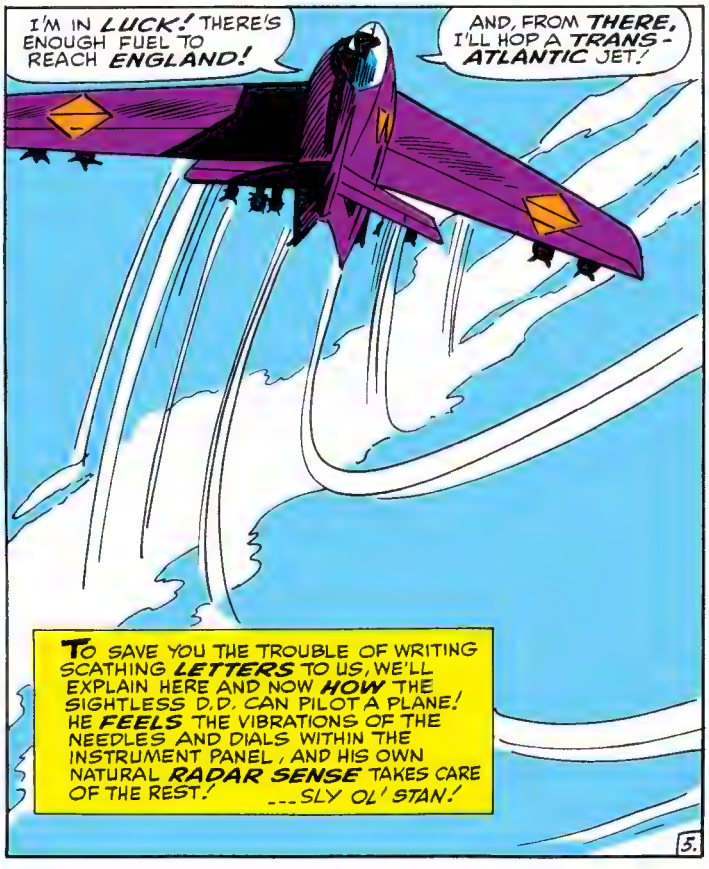
BEFORE WE DISPOSE OF HIM... SEARCH HIM! SEE IF HE CARRIES ANYTHING OF VALUE!
IT WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME!
HIS COSTUME IS SKIN TIGHT! EXCEPT FOR THE CLUB IN HIS SHEATH, THERE IS NOTHING TO SEARCH!
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE! ... NO ONE WOULD DARE INVADE OUR HILLS WITHOUT MONEY WITH WHICH TO BUY HIS SAFETY!
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS YOUR UNLUCKY DAY, GUNGA DIN!
I'M ONE OF THOSE POOR BUT HONEST SUPER-HEROES YOU READ ABOUT!
HE SEEKS TO MOCK US! LET US FINISH HIM OFF ON THE SPOT!
POK!
IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T STAND... IT'S A JOE WITH NO SENSA-HUMOR!
BLOOM!

HOLD YOUR FIRE! YOU'LL HIT MIKLOS!
SAVE YOUR BULLETS! I'LL DO IT FOR YOU!
ONCE HE FALLS I'LL BE A CLAY PIGEON OUT HERE!
MATTHEW BABY, YOU'VE GOTTA MOVE FAST!
FTAK!
BKAT!
HE WON'T ESCAPE US NOW!
THOSE FIRST TWO SHOTS JUST MISSED ME...!
NOW, IF I CAN SWING AROUND THIS TREE IN TIME, HE WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE!
AMERICAN FOOL! YOU ARE TRAPPED... AND YOU KNOW IT! COME OUT FROM BEHIND THAT TREE!
OR ELSE WE WILL DRAG YOU OUT!
THE MORE YOU RESIST, THE MORE DISTASTE-FUL YOUR FATE WILL BE!
BLOP!
I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE ADVICE, FELLAS..
BUT THE FIRST LESSON US MEN WITHOUT FEAR LEARN IS... NOBODY LIVES FOREVER!
3.

SORRY ABOUT THAT---!
...BUT, I DON'T AIM TO MAKE A LIFE'S WORK OUT OF THIS!
UNNHHH!
I DON'T MEAN TO CRITICIZE BUT...
YOU FELLAS WOULD NEVER MAKE THE GRADE WITH WELCOME WAGON!
THAK!
MASKED FOOL!! YOU THINK ONE MAN ALONE CAN DEFEAT US??
WELL, SEEING AS HOW YOU'RE ASKING ME---
...THE ANSWER IS... YES!
WONK!
THANKS FOR THE WORKOUT, GROUP!
BUT NOW IT'S TIME TO SPLIT!
HE..DEFEATED US...AS THOUGH WE ARE...CHILDREN..!
HE IS EVERY-THING THE LEGENDS SAY ABOUT HIM...
...AND MORE!


THEN, A SHORT TIME LATER ---
THERE'S A CLEARING BELOW ME... WITH A STRONG SCENT OF JET PLANE FUEL!
THAT MEANS JUST ONE THING...
I'VE FOUND MY TICKET HOME!
ONLY ONE HEARTBEAT IN THE AREA! A SOLITARY GUARD IS NEAR THE PLANE!
BUT... NOT FOR LONG!

SLEEP TIGHT, PUSSYCAT!


I'M IN LUCK! THERE'S ENOUGH FUEL TO REACH ENGLAND!
AND, FROM THERE, I'LL HOP A TRANS-ATLANTIC JET!
TO SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE OF WRITING SCATHING LETTERS TO US, WE'LL EXPLAIN HERE AND NOW HOW THE SIGHTLESS D.D. CAN PILOT A PLANE! HE FEELS THE VIBRATIONS OF THE NEEDLES AND DIALS WITHIN THE INSTRUMENT PANEL, AND HIS OWN NATURAL RADAR SENSE TAKES CARE OF THE REST! ---SLY OL' STAN!

A FEW HOURS LATER, AFTER A SMOOTH LANDING IN BRITAIN...
I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PAY FOR A JET TICKET! I ONLY HAD ENOUGH MONEY FOR A NEWSPAPER!
LUCKY THE PILOT LEFT HIS COAT IN THE PLANE! I WAS ABLE TO CONCEAL MYSELF...
SAY! WHAT'S THIS..?
MY FINGERS RAN OVER A NAME THAT FELT LIKE... KA-ZAR!
THEN, FASTER THAN A SIGHTED MAN CAN SCAN A PRINTED PAGE, THE HYPER-SENSITIVE FINGERS OF DAREDEVIL GLIDE ACROSS THE SURFACE OF THE PAPER, AS HE "READS"...
I WAS RIGHT! IT IS HIM!
LONDON COURIER
KA-ZAR--- LORD KEVIN PLUNDER TURNS SAVAGE ONCE MORE!
STRANGE HAPPENINGS ON LONELY MOORS SURROUNDING PLUNDER CASTLE
Police report wild jungle man and prehistoric saber-toothed tiger terrorizing area! Ka-zar has barricaded himself within his ancestral castle and attempts to persuade him to come out have failed. It is feared more [illegible] to be [illegible]
KA-ZAR--- TERRORIZING THE COUNTRYSIDE? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS REARED IN A PREHISTORIC HIDDEN JUNGLE, WITH A SABER-TOOTH TIGER AS HIS ONLY FRIEND, HE WOULD NEVER INTENTIONALLY HARM ANYONE!
HE HELPED SAVE MY LIFE ONCE! IF HE'S IN TROUBLE NOW..!*
AND THEN, THE GALLANT RED-GARBED SWASHBUCKLER GOES BACK IN MEMORY TO THOSE FIRST EVENTFUL MEETINGS WITH THE UNTAMED LORD OF THE JUNGLE...
ALTHOUGH, I DO REMEMBER HOW UNPREDICTABLE HE WAS... WHAT A DANGEROUSLY EXPLOSIVE TEMPER HE HAD...!
*WILL YOU EVER FORGET THOSE LATE GREAT D.D. #'S 13 AND 14? WE WON'T! --- SENTIMENTAL STAN!
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FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY LATE-COMERS TO MARVEL, HERE'S HOW AN UNTAMED DENIZEN OF THE JUNGLE BECAME A TITLED BRITISH NOBLEMAN...
IT STARTED ON A TYPICAL DAY... TYPICAL FOR KA-ZAR, THAT IS...
ZABU!
SUDDENLY, THE JUNGLE-LORD'S SABER-TOOTHED COMPANION WAS IMPRISONED BY A MAN-MADE TRAP..!
RACING TO SAVE THE THRASHING BEAST, KA-ZAR ENCOUNTERED THE PLUNDERER, AND HIS BAND OF CUT-THROAT PIRATES...!
STOP, KA-ZAR!
I DO NOT FEAR YOU!
LOOK, JUNGLE MAN! SEE WHAT I HOLD ABOVE MY HEAD!
CAREFULLY SEIZING THE BROKEN SILVER MEDAL, KA-ZAR THEN PRODUCES, FROM WITHIN HIS POUCH, THE SECOND HALF... WHICH FITS THE MEDAL PERFECTLY!
KA-ZAR HAS OTHER HALF OF MEDAL... ALL HIS LIFE!
I, TOO, HAVE CARRIED IT SINCE CHILDHOOD! MY FATHER GAVE ONE TO ME... AND THE OTHER HALF TO MY BROTHER... BEFORE HE DIS-APPEARED!
THAT MEANS... WE ARE BROTHERS!
AND, WHEN THE PLUNDERER WAS IMPRISONED FOR PIRACY, HIS BROTHER KEVIN (OR, KA-ZAR) INHERITED PLUNDER CASTLE!...'NUFF SAID?

AND NOW, ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL REPORT, KA-ZAR BARRICADED WITHIN PLUNDER CASTLE, WHILE THE POLICE PREPARE TO TAKE HIM-- BY FORCE IF NECESSARY!
THEY'VE BEEN REFERRING TO HIM AS-- THE MURDEROUS MIDNIGHT STALKER!
I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT--
KA-ZAR SURE NEEDS A FRIEND RIGHT NOW!
BUT, ONE THING I DO KNOW--!
AND, SO LONG AS DAREDEVIL IS WITHIN HAULING DISTANCE, HE'S GOT ONE!
IT'S LUCKY MY FINGERS ARE ABLE TO "READ" A PRINTED PAGE BY FEELING THE MICROSCOPIC IMPRESSION LEFT BY THE PRINTER'S INK ITSELF!
PERHAPS IT'S MORE THAN MERE LUCK! IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH FATE HERSELF PLANNED IT THIS WAY!
ANYWAY, I'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON! IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME, PLUNDER CASTLE IS A GOOD HALF-HOUR FROM HERE--AS THE CROW FLIES!
OR, MORE APTLY PERHAPS-- AS THE DAREDEVIL LEAPS!
IF KA-ZAR IS INNOCENT OF THE THINGS HE'S CHARGED WITH, THEN SOMEONE ELSE MUST BE GUILTY! AND I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHO...AND WHY?
ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER REPORT, NEARBY HOMES WERE BROKEN INTO--AND HUGE TIGER TRACKS WERE SEEN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOOTPRINTS OF A BAREFOOT MAN!
IT'S PRETTY TOUGH TO FAKE THAT SORT OF THING--UNLESS-- HE REALLY HAS GONE WILD AGAIN!
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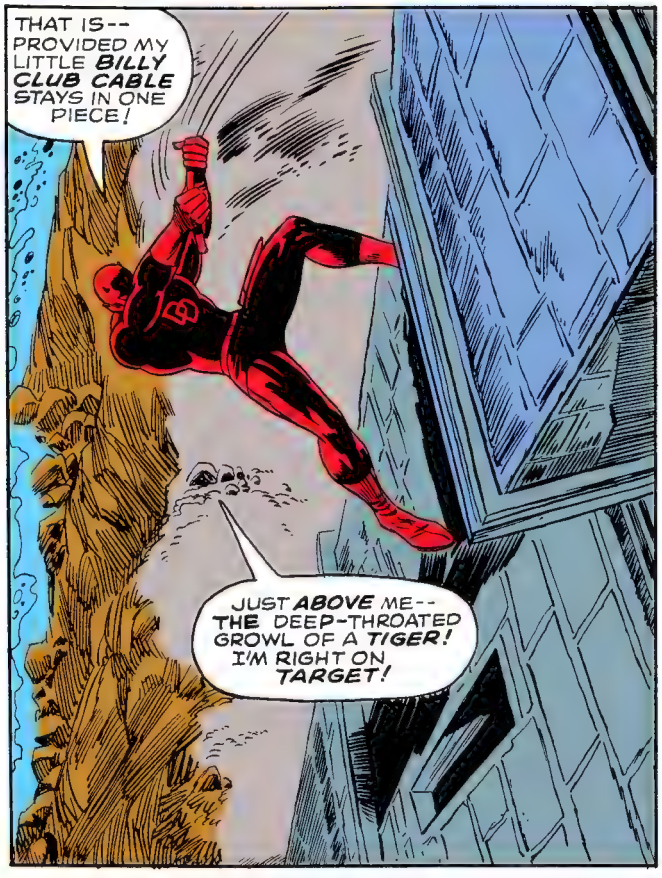
SOME TIME LATER-- ON THE COLD ENGLISH MOOR OUTSIDE PLUNDER CASTLE, WE FIND...
HE CAN'T STAY THERE FOREVER! HE'S GOT TO COME OUT SOME TIME!
STAY BACK, PLEASE! THE MILITIA WILL BE ARRIVING IN JIG TIME!
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ONE MAN ALONE CAN HOLD OFF AN ENTIRE VILLAGE!
BUT, THIS MAN IS A SUPER-STRONG SAVAGE WITH A MONSTROUS TIGER!
LOOK! UP THERE! AT THE TOWER WINDOW! I SEE HIM!
THEY ALL HUNT KA-ZAR!
BUT, KA-ZAR IS GREATEST HUNTER OF ALL! IS THAT NOT RIGHT, ZABU?
I'M IN LUCK! THEY HAVEN'T STORMED THE CASTLE YET!
NOW, ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS MANAGE TO GET PAST THE CROWD, AND MAKE MY WAY INSIDE SOMEHOW!
THAT'S ALL!
ATTENTION! ATTENTION! THIS IS LORD MAYOR HONEY-WELL! DISPERSE THE CROWD! THE MILITIA HAS ARRIVED!
I COULD HAVE SWORN I HEARD A ROAR FROM THAT TOWER WINDOW!
SO DID I! THAT BLASTED TIGER MUST BE UP THERE WITH HIM!
WE'LL HAVE HIM SOON! THE TROOPS ARE TAKING THEIR POSITIONS NOW!

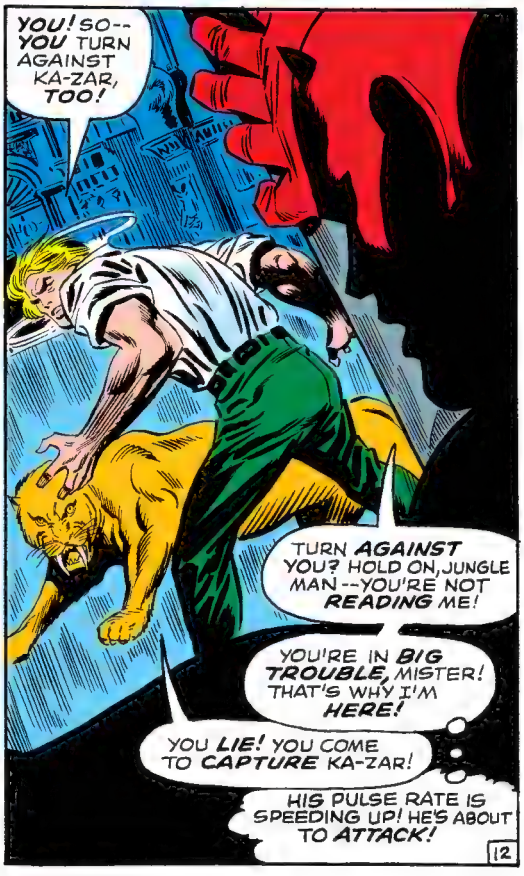
BLIMEY! HI'D LIKE A LOOK AT THAT KA-ZAR BLOKE, H'I WOULD!
I FEEL A BIT SORRY FOR HIM, MYSELF! I'LL WAGER THE BLIGHTER DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING!
LORD KEVIN PLUNDER--OR, IF YOU PREFER--KA-ZAR!
THIS IS LORD MAYOR HONEYWELL SPEAKING! WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE--WE'VE JOLLY WELL SURROUNDED YOUR ENTIRE CASTLE!
GIVE YOURSELF UP NOW, BEFORE WE ARE COMPELLED TO TAKE DRASTIC ACTION! DO YOU HEAR ME, KA-ZAR?
THERE HE IS AGAIN, AT THE WINDOW, SIR!
GO AWAY! KA-ZAR HAS DONE NOTHING!
IF YOU ATTACK CASTLE, KA-ZAR WILL FIGHT! MANY WILL DIE!
THAT SINKS IT! KA-ZAR DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO LIE!
IF HE SAYS HE'S DONE NOTHING--THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!
HANG ON, JUNGLE MAN! HERE COMES THE CAVALRY!
IF I CAN JUST SWING CLEAR OF THE CROWD, I'LL BE ON MY WAY...!

WHIZZT!
I KNOW THERE'S A TALL TREE AHEAD OF ME!
WHAT I DON'T KNOW IS--WILL MY CABLE REACH IT?
FIZZZT!
KA-ZAR MUST BE MAD! HE CAN'T FIGHT AN ENTIRE REGIMENT!
AND, HE WON'T HAVE TO--IF HIS FEARLESS FRIEND CAN HELP IT!
LOOK! OVER THERE! A COSTUMED MAN--IT'S... IT'S DARE-DEVIL!
HALT! NO ONE MAY GET THRU OUR LINES! WE HAVE OUR ORDERS!
TOO LATE TO STOP NOW, GENTS!
TRIGGERS BEING COCKED! THEY'RE PREPARING TO FIRE!
BUT I'VE GOT TO CHANCE IT!
KRAK!
BTAM!

I DID IT! I'M PAST THE POLICE BARRICADE!
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! OL' MATT MURDOCK MUST HAVE HAVE A FAIRY GODMOTHER WATCHING OVER HIM SOMEWHERE!
THUMP!

THWIPP!
FROM HERE ON, GETTING INSIDE THE CASTLE WILL BE A LEAD-PIPE CINCH!


THAT IS-- PROVIDED MY LITTLE BILLY CLUB CABLE STAYS IN ONE PIECE!
JUST ABOVE ME-- THE DEEP-THROATED GROWL OF A TIGER! I'M RIGHT ON TARGET!


YOU! SO-- YOU TURN AGAINST KA-ZAR, TOO!
TURN AGAINST YOU? HOLD ON, JUNGLE MAN --YOU'RE NOT READING ME!
YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE, MISTER! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!
YOU LIE! YOU COME TO CAPTURE KA-ZAR!
HIS PULSE RATE IS SPEEDING UP! HE'S ABOUT TO ATTACK!

HOLD IT! LISTEN TO ME! YOU'RE ALL WRONG!
PTHOK!
I SAID HOLD IT!
RRRRRRR
OH BOY! THIS IS ALL I NEEDED!
WHITTTTTTTT
GOT TO MOVE FASTER THAN EVER! ONE SWIPE OF THOSE CLAWS, AND I'M A GONER!
ZABU! STAY BACK!
THIS BATTLE KA-ZAR WAGES ALONE!
BOK!
KA-ZAR NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD TURN AGAINST ME!
I DIDN'T, YOU LONG-HAIRED, MUSCLE-BOUND, TREE-SWINGING LUNKHEAD!
BUT YOU'RE MAKING ME WISH I DID!
KA-ZAR FEARS NO ONE! NO ONE!
SPOP!
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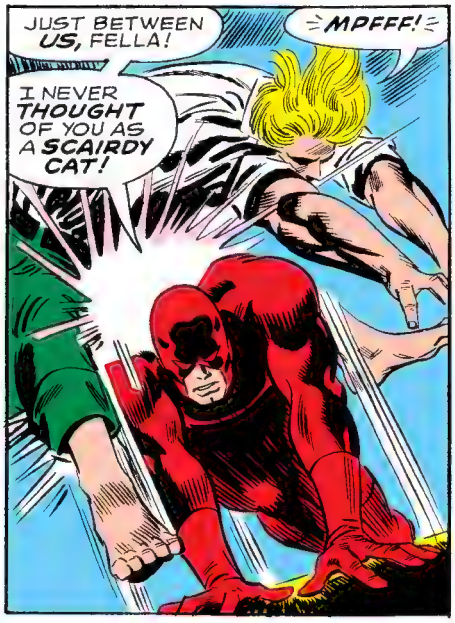
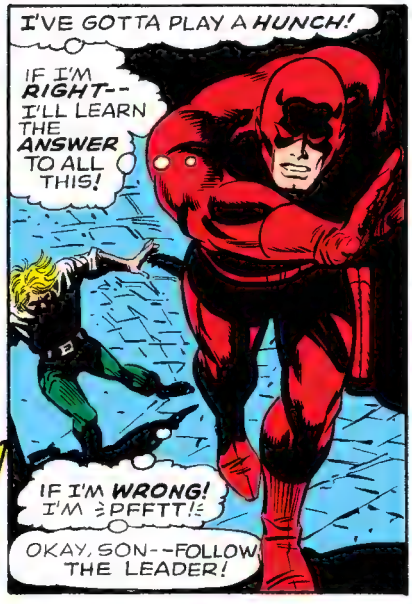

JUST BETWEEN US, FELLA!
MPFFF!
I NEVER THOUGHT OF YOU AS A SCAIRDY CAT!

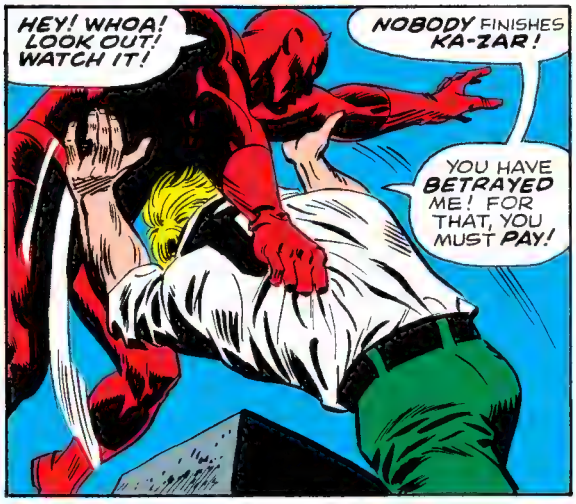
NOW--I'VE ONLY GOT SECONDS TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS ...WHILE HE FIGHTS TO CATCH HIS BREATH AGAIN!
IF I CAN JUST MAKE ONE PHONE CALL...
I'LL KNOW FOR SURE IF HE'S THE MIDNIGHT STALKER THAT'S TERRORIZING THE COUNTRYSIDE!
I'LL LOCK THE DOOR BEHIND ME ...AND HOPE IT HOLDS!

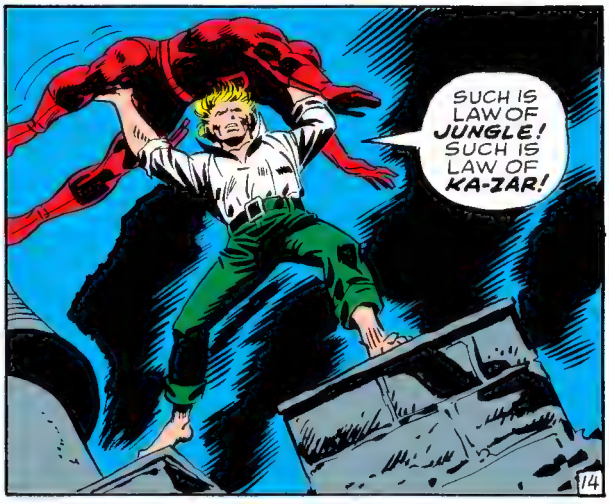
EXACTLY TWENTY SECONDS LATER...
MUCH OBLIGED! THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW!
BAM!
THUD!
POW!
GOTTA GO NOW! COMPANY'S COMING!

NO DOOR CAN KEEP KA-ZAR OUT!
KRAK!


I'VE GOTTA PLAY A HUNCH!
IF I'M RIGHT-- I'LL LEARN THE ANSWER TO ALL THIS!
IF I'M WRONG! I'M PFFTT!
OKAY, SON--FOLLOW THE LEADER!

THIS IS IT! I'M RIGHT OVER THE SPOT!
HOLD IT, KA-ZAR! I CAN PROVE I'M ON YOUR SIDE!
NO USE! HE'S TOO ANGRY-- TOO FAR GONE! CAN'T REASON WITH HIM!
ALL I CAN DO IS PLAY ON HIS ANGER-- TRY TO EXPLOIT IT!
OKAY, WILD MAN! HAVE IT YOUR WAY! HERE'S WHERE I FINISH YOU OFF-- FOR GOOD!


HEY! WHOA! LOOK OUT! WATCH IT!
NOBODY FINISHES KA-ZAR!
YOU HAVE BETRAYED ME! FOR THAT, YOU MUST PAY!


SUCH IS LAW OF JUNGLE! SUCH IS LAW OF KA-ZAR!

OH, NO YOU DON'T!
IF I'M HITTIN' THE DRINK, I WANT SOME COMPANY DOWN THERE!
AND, SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE AROUND--YOU'RE ELECTED, PAL!
SPLASH!
THEN, SECONDS AFTER IMPACT...
UNDERWATER, MY SENSES MIGHT BE DULLER THAN HIS! IF I DON'T FIND WHAT I'M HOPING FOR, AND FIND IT FAST, I'LL--WAIT!
I WAS RIGHT! IT'S JUST AHEAD OF ME! MY RADAR SENSES COULDN'T MISS IT AT THIS DISTANCE!
JUST WHAT I GUESSED I'D FIND--A HIDDEN SUBMARINE!
KA-ZAR SEES IT, TOO! IT'S AROUSED HIS CURIOSITY--AS I KNEW IT WOULD! HE'S FORGOTTEN OUR FIGHT--FOR THE TIME BEING!
I NEED HIS STRENGTH--TO HELP WITH THIS WHEEL! CAN'T HOLD MY BREATH FOR--
AHH! HERE HE COMES!
THEY'RE WAITING FOR US BELOW! BUT--CAN'T BACK OUT NOW!
IT'S DAREDEVIL! GET READY!
HE DOESN'T REALIZE HIS SOFTEST WHISPER IS LIKE A SHOUT TO ME!

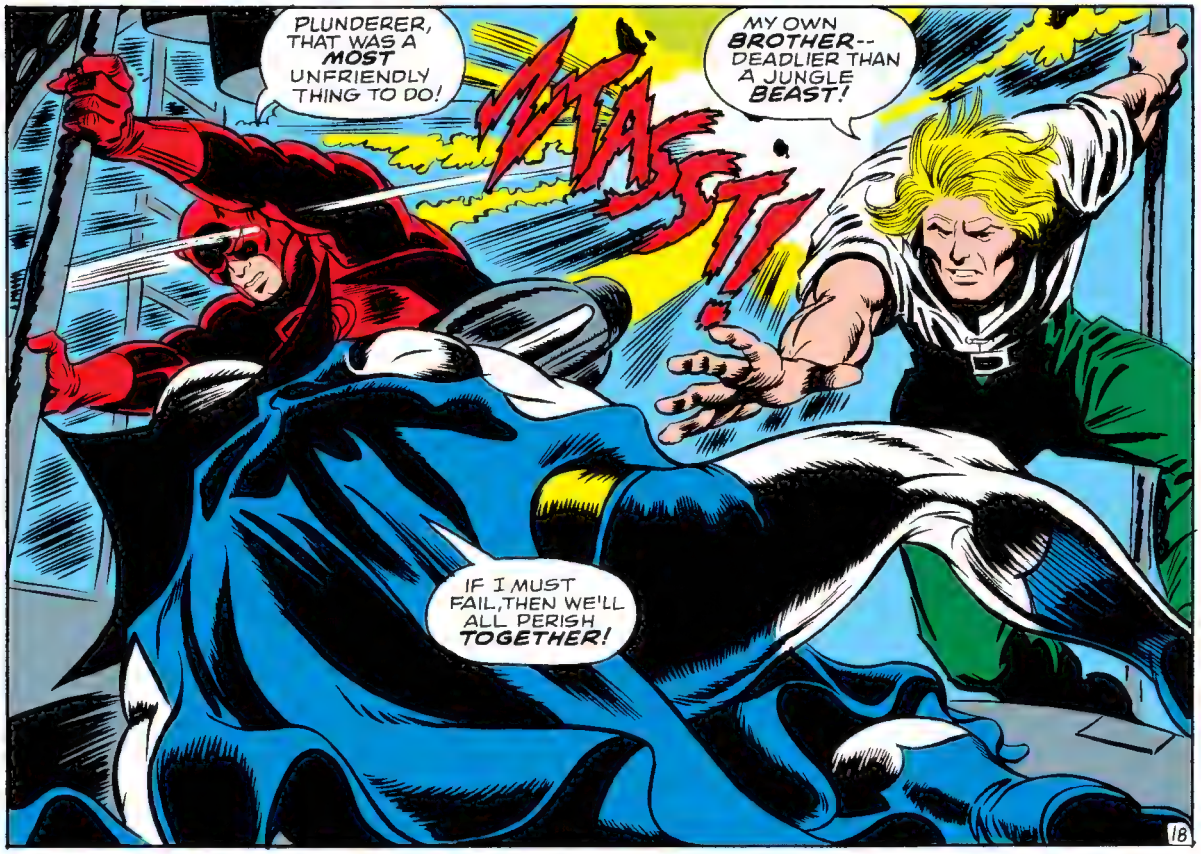
NOW! GET HIM!
HE IS OURS!
THANKS, GUYS! IT'S GREAT TO FEEL WANTED!
BUT I'M TOO YOUNG TO GO STEADY!
FTAW!
YOU HAVE LED ME TO MY REAL ENEMIES, DAREDEVIL! FOR THIS I AM TRULY GRATEFUL!
OK!
I'M PLEASED AS PUNCH, KA-ZAR...
SO HOW ABOUT LENDING A GUY A HAND?
YOU SHALL NOT FIND KA-ZAR WANTING, MY FRIEND!
THWNNG!
I HAD A HUNCH YOU'D COME ACROSS, NATURE BOY!
DAREDEVIL AND KA-ZAR TOGETHER, EH?
HOW KIND OF YOU TO AFFORD ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RID MYSELF OF YOU BOTH AT ONE TIME!
EVEN THOUGH YOU NOW KNOW THAT THE PLUNDERER WAS THE REAL MIDNIGHT STALKER, YOU SHALL CARRY THAT INFORMATION TO THE GRAVE!
THANKS FOR LETTING KA-ZAR HEAR THAT--IT SURE SAVES ME A LOT OF EXPLAINING!
STOK!

KA-ZAR IS SORRY HE DID NOT TRUST YOU!
THAT'S OKAY, SON! I HAD MY DOUBTS ABOUT YOU FOR A WHILE, ALSO!
BUT THEN I REALIZED HOW EASY IT WOULD BE FOR SOMEONE TO FAKE THE PRINT OF A TIGER ON A WRECKED COTTAGE WALL...
OR, TO WALK BAREFOOT ON THE MOORS, LETTING THE FEARFUL VILLAGERS THINK THAT YOU HAD TURNED SAVAGE AGAIN!
ESPECIALLY SOMEONE AS CLEVER--AND AS RUTHLESS AS YOUR STEP-BROTHER--THE PLUNDERER!
HOLD IT, BOYS! I HAVEN'T FINISHED MY STORY YET!
AND US FEARLESS FANATICS HATE TO BE INTERRUPTED!
ESPECIALLY BY A PAIR OF PISTOL-PACKIN' PINHEADS WHO DON'T REALIZE THAT PIRACY WENT OUT WITH HIGH-BUTTON SHOES!
AND IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME--
ZOP!
TPAP!
--WOULDJA BELIEVE MY BUDDY--KA-ZAR?
BEE-YOWK!
YOU FOOLS! NAKED FISTS ALONE CAN'T BRING VICTORY THIS TIME!
NOT WHEN I HAVE THE WEAPON SUPREME ABOARD MY SHIP!

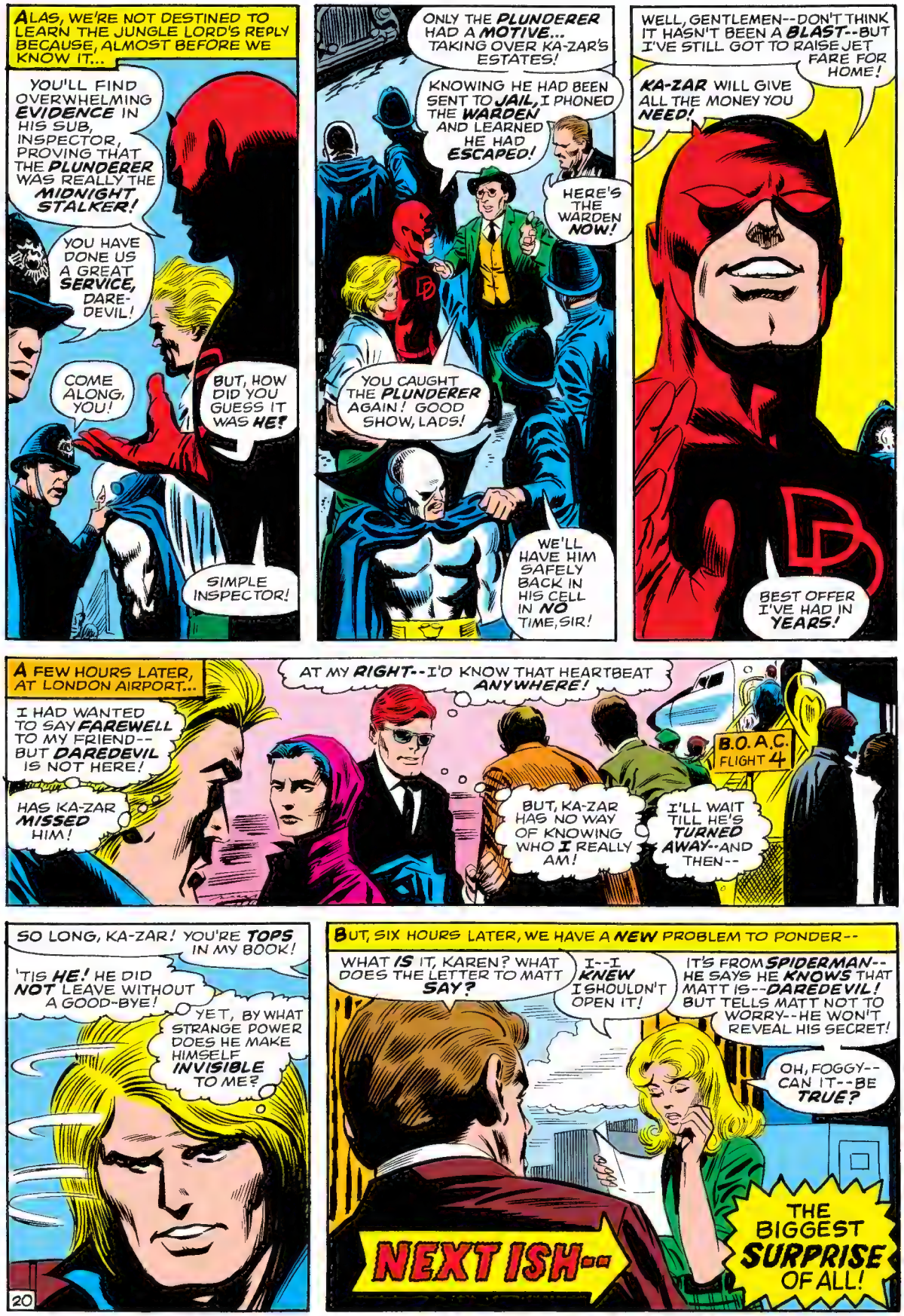
NOTHING THAT LIVES CAN WITHSTAND THE DEADLY TOUCH OF MY NERVE BOLT RAY!
JUST ONE BLAST, AND I WILL INHERIT PLUNDER CASTLE-- AND ALL THE TREASURE TO BE FOUND THEREIN!

BUT, THE MURDEROUS PLUNDERER HAS FAILED TO RECKON WITH THE DAZZLING, JUNGLE-BRED SPEED OF HIS SAVAGE STEP-BROTHER...
SO THAT IS WHY YOU MADE PEOPLE RISE AGAINST ME!
YOU WANTED THE CASTLE-- AND THE INHERITANCE -- OF KA-ZAR!

YOU SAID IT, PARTNER! HE HOPED PEOPLE WOULD THINK YOU WERE THE MIDNIGHT STALKER!
HE WANTED YOU SHOT, SO HE COULD BE LORD PLUNDER ONCE MORE!
NOW KA-ZAR UNDERSTANDS!
HE TERRORIZED THE MOORS, THEN HID IN HIS SUB, WHILE...
LOOK OUT! THE NERVE RAY!


PLUNDERER, THAT WAS A MOST UNFRIENDLY THING TO DO!
ZTASZT!
MY OWN BROTHER-- DEADLIER THAN A JUNGLE BEAST!
IF I MUST FAIL, THEN WE'LL ALL PERISH TOGETHER!

YOU CAN'T EVADE THE RAY FOREVER!
DON'T BET ON IT, BAD MAN!
KA-ZAR! DUCK!
PFTAP!
OKAY, MISTER--THAT'S THE BALL GAME!
UNNHHH!
DAREDEVIL! THE SHIP--I CAN FEEL IT RISING!
WE'RE IN LUCK, KA-ZAR! WHEN YOUR STEP-BROTHER FELL BACK, HE LANDED AGAINST THE CONTROL LEVER--SO WE'RE ON OUR WAY HOME!
BY THE WAY, FELLA--WHAT DO YOUR FRIENDS CALL YOU? DO YOU PREFER KAY OR ZAR?


ALAS, WE'RE NOT DESTINED TO LEARN THE JUNGLE LORD'S REPLY BECAUSE, ALMOST BEFORE WE KNOW IT...
YOU'LL FIND OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE IN HIS SUB, INSPECTOR, PROVING THAT THE PLUNDERER WAS REALLY THE MIDNIGHT STALKER!
YOU HAVE DONE US A GREAT SERVICE, DARE-DEVIL!
COME ALONG, YOU!
BUT, HOW DID YOU GUESS IT WAS HE?
SIMPLE INSPECTOR!
ONLY THE PLUNDERER HAD A MOTIVE... TAKING OVER KA-ZAR'S ESTATES!
KNOWING HE HAD BEEN SENT TO JAIL, I PHONED THE WARDEN AND LEARNED HE HAD ESCAPED!
HERE'S THE WARDEN NOW!
YOU CAUGHT THE PLUNDERER AGAIN! GOOD SHOW, LADS!
WE'LL HAVE HIM SAFELY BACK IN HIS CELL IN NO TIME, SIR!
WELL, GENTLEMEN--DON'T THINK IT HASN'T BEEN A BLAST--BUT I'VE STILL GOT TO RAISE JET FARE FOR HOME!
KA-ZAR WILL GIVE ALL THE MONEY YOU NEED!
BEST OFFER I'VE HAD IN YEARS!
A FEW HOURS LATER, AT LONDON AIRPORT...
I HAD WANTED TO SAY FAREWELL TO MY FRIEND-- BUT DAREDEVIL IS NOT HERE!
HAS KA-ZAR MISSED HIM!
AT MY RIGHT--I'D KNOW THAT HEARTBEAT ANYWHERE!
BUT, KA-ZAR HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING WHO I REALLY AM!
I'LL WAIT TILL HE'S TURNED AWAY--AND THEN--
B.O.A.C. FLIGHT 4
SO LONG, KA-ZAR! YOU'RE TOPS IN MY BOOK!
'TIS HE! HE DID NOT LEAVE WITHOUT A GOOD-BYE!
YET, BY WHAT STRANGE POWER DOES HE MAKE HIMSELF INVISIBLE TO ME?
BUT, SIX HOURS LATER, WE HAVE A NEW PROBLEM TO PONDER--
WHAT IS IT, KAREN? WHAT DOES THE LETTER TO MATT SAY?
I--I KNEW I SHOULDN'T OPEN IT!
IT'S FROM SPIDERMAN-- HE SAYS HE KNOWS THAT MATT IS--DAREDEVIL! BUT TELLS MATT NOT TO WORRY--HE WON'T REVEAL HIS SECRET!
OH, FOGGY-- CAN IT--BE TRUE?
NEXT ISH--
THE BIGGEST SURPRISE OF ALL!
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HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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WOW-EEEEE!
JUST WAIT'LL YOU MEET OL' MATT MURDOCK'S SWINGIN' TWIN BROTHER!
"ENTER: THE LEAP FROG!"

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"ENTER: THE LEAP-FROG!"
DO YOU LIKE A YARN THAT BEGINS WITH A WALLOP? TRY THIS ONE ON FOR SIZE--
PTANG!
A FIGURE-- LEAPING INTO THE AIR AT MY RIGHT--WITH OTHERS RUNNING AFTER HIM,! SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE!
SOMEBODY STOP THAT GUY! HE'S BEEN LEAPING ALL OVER THE PLACE,! NONE OF THE PLANES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE OFF!
HOLY COW! LOOK AT THAT JUMP! HE'S PRACTICALLY A HUMAN FROG!
I HEAR THE SOUND OF POWERFUL SPRINGS UNCOILING AS HE LEAPS UPWARD!
IF ONLY I WERE WEARING MY DAREDEVIL COSTUME!
FLIGHT 7
IZZAT ENOUGH TO WHET YOUR APPETITE, FRANTIC ONE? 'CAUSE, IF IT IS--
LET'S GO!
A STAN LEE ★ GENE COLAN EPIC EXTRAVAGANZA!
INKED BY: FRANK GIACOIA
LETTERED BY: ART SIMEK
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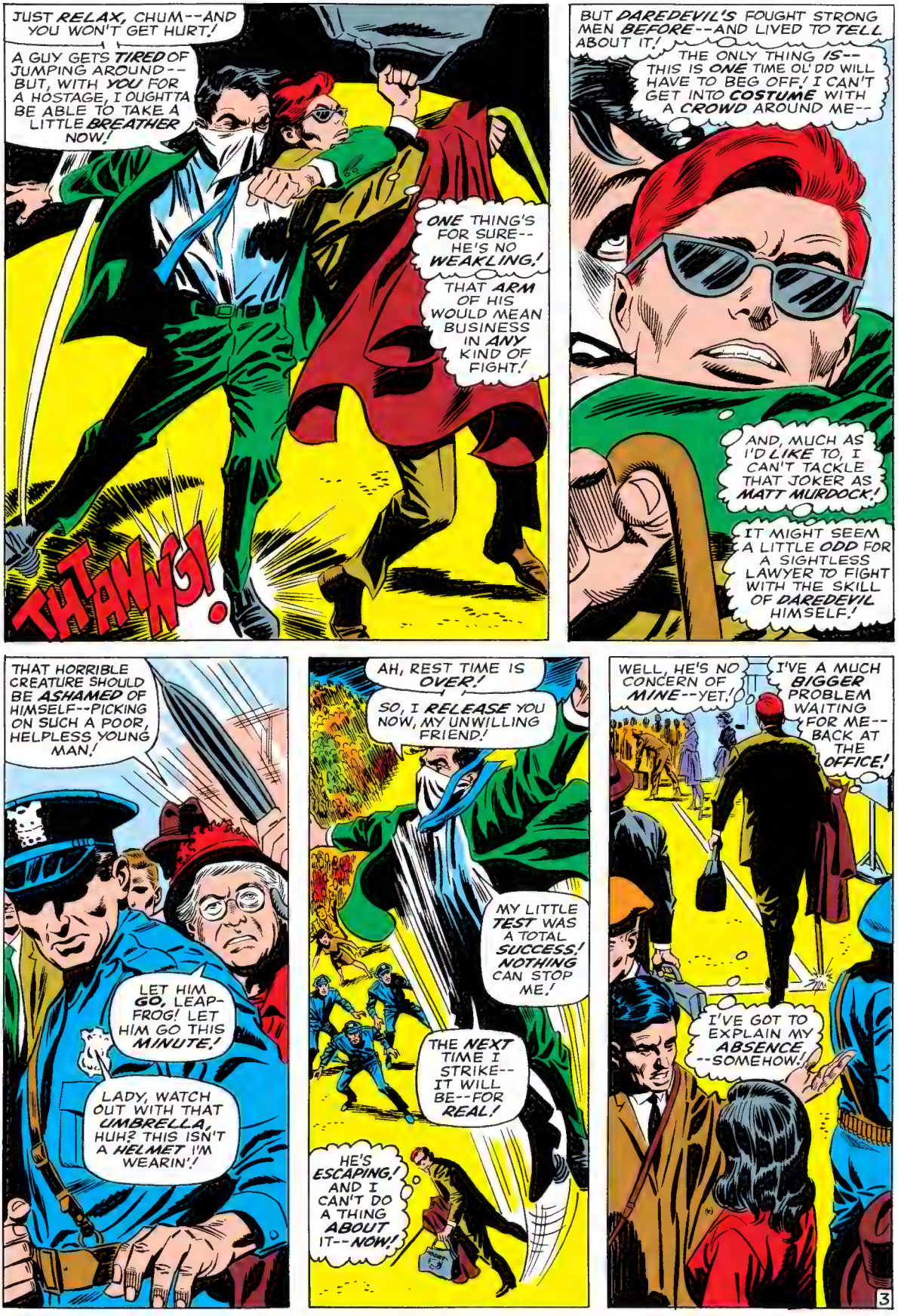
YOU ARE ALL LUCKY THAT MY INTENTIONS ARE NOT HARMFUL--FOR NOW, AT ANY RATE!
I AM MERELY TESTING OUT MY NEW POWER--THE MATCHLESS POWER OF--THE LEAP-FROG!
THE LEAP-FROG! HOW CORNY CAN YOU GET?
SQUANG!
ALTHOUGH, JUDGING BY THE SOUND OF THAT LEAP--BY THE HEIGHT MY RADAR SENSE TELLS ME HE'S REACHING --HE'S MORE THAN A HARMLESS CORNBALL!
SOME HOME-COMING THIS IS!
FTANG!
I COULD PROBABLY NAIL HIM FROM HERE--
BUT HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING SERIOUS ENOUGH FOR GUNPLAY!
WATCH IT! HE'S COMIN' DOWN AGAIN--RIGHT NEAR THAT BLIND GUY!
RUN, FELLA! RUN--BEFORE HE HITS YA!
I WONDER WHAT THAT HELPFUL JOE WOULD SAY IF HE KNEW I COULD ESTIMATE THE LEAP-FROG'S RATE OF FALL FASTER, AND MORE ACCURATELY THAN HE CAN?
I'LL HELP HOLD THOSE CROWDS BACK--IN CASE THIS TURNS INTO REAL TROUBLE!
BUT, HOW IN BLAZES IS ANYONE SUPPOSED TO HANDLE A GUY WHO CAN LEAP AROUND LIKE A HUMAN POGO STICK?!!


JUST RELAX, CHUM--AND YOU WON'T GET HURT!
A GUY GETS TIRED OF JUMPING AROUND--BUT, WITH YOU FOR A HOSTAGE, I OUGHTTA BE ABLE TO TAKE A LITTLE BREATHER NOW!
ONE THING'S FOR SURE--HE'S NO WEAKLING!
THAT ARM OF HIS WOULD MEAN BUSINESS IN ANY KIND OF FIGHT!
THWANG!
BUT DAREDEVIL'S FOUGHT STRONG MEN BEFORE--AND LIVED TO TELL ABOUT IT!
THE ONLY THING IS--THIS IS ONE TIME OL' DD WILL HAVE TO BEG OFF! I CAN'T GET INTO COSTUME WITH A CROWD AROUND ME--
AND, MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO, I CAN'T TACKLE THAT JOKER AS MATT MURDOCK!
IT MIGHT SEEM A LITTLE ODD FOR A SIGHTLESS LAWYER TO FIGHT WITH THE SKILL OF DAREDEVIL HIMSELF!
THAT HORRIBLE CREATURE SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF HIMSELF--PICKING ON SUCH A POOR, HELPLESS YOUNG MAN!
LET HIM GO, LEAP-FROG! LET HIM GO THIS MINUTE!
LADY, WATCH OUT WITH THAT UMBRELLA, HUH? THIS ISN'T A HELMET I'M WEARIN'!
AH, REST TIME IS OVER!
SO, I RELEASE YOU NOW, MY UNWILLING FRIEND!
MY LITTLE TEST WAS A TOTAL SUCCESS! NOTHING CAN STOP ME!
THE NEXT TIME I STRIKE--IT WILL BE--FOR REAL!
HE'S ESCAPING! AND I CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT IT--NOW!
WELL, HE'S NO CONCERN OF MINE--YET!
I'VE A MUCH BIGGER PROBLEM WAITING FOR ME--BACK AT THE OFFICE!
I'VE GOT TO EXPLAIN MY ABSENCE--SOMEHOW!
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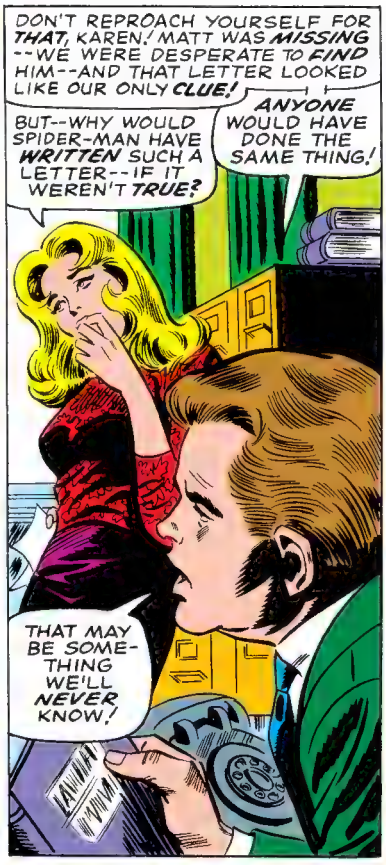
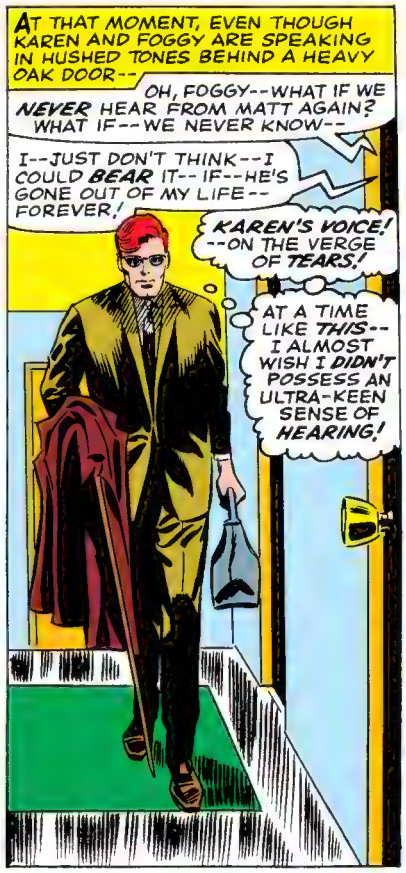
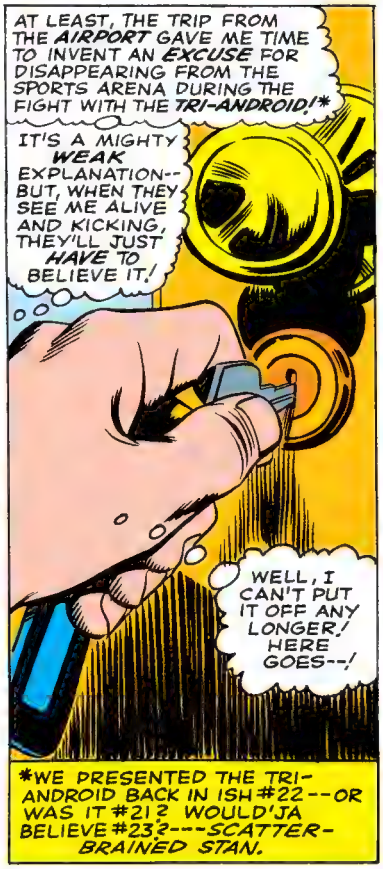
AND, WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE LAW OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK--
FOGGY--I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THIS LETTER FROM SPIDER-MAN TO MATT--SAYING THAT HE KNOWS MATT IS REALLY--DAREDEVIL!
THAT WALL-CRAWLER HAS TO BE WRONG!
MATT IS TOTALLY BLIND! IT JUST ISN'T POSSIBLE!
I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T OPEN IT! IT WAS ADDRESSED TO MATT PERSONALLY!

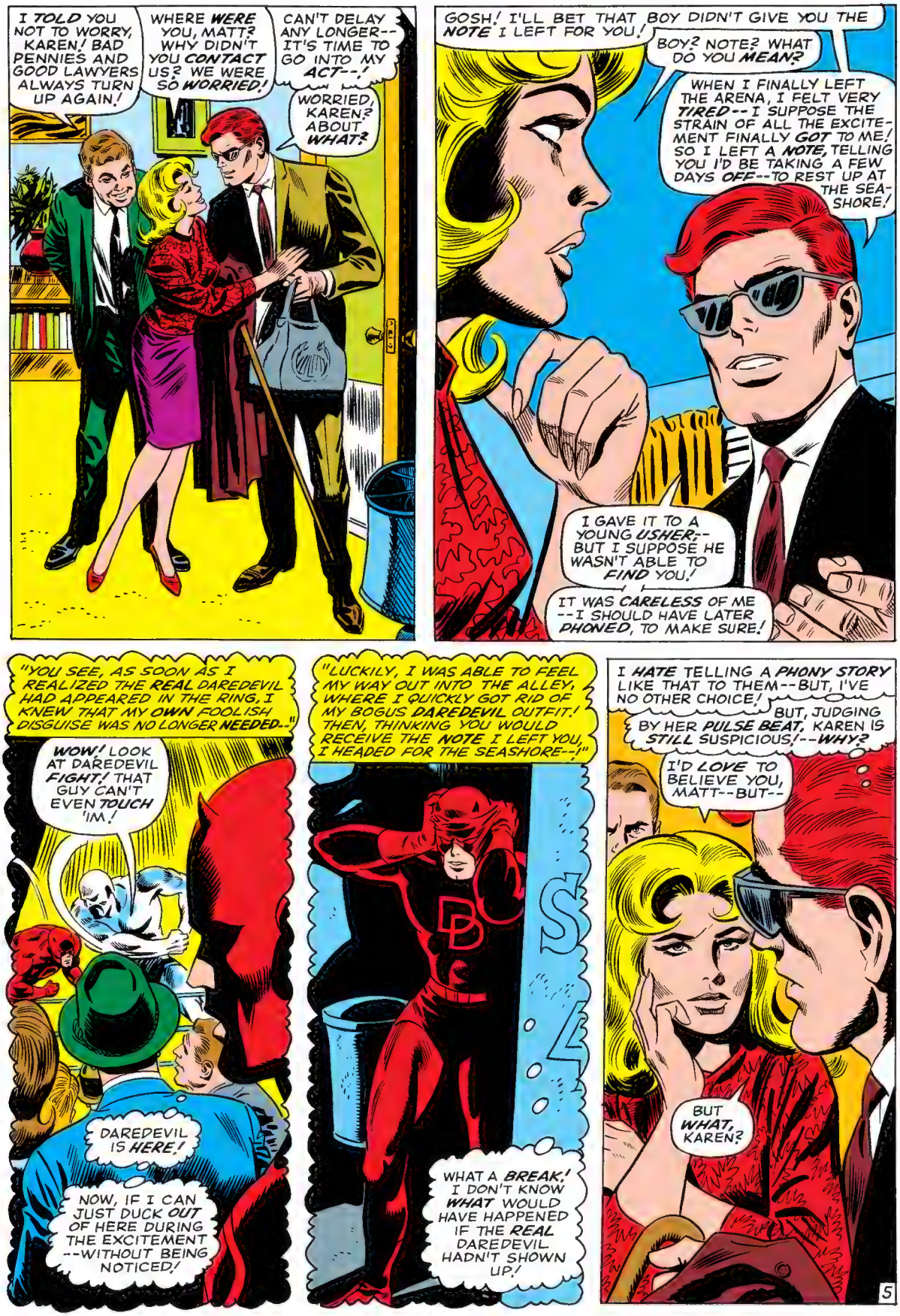

DON'T REPROACH YOURSELF FOR THAT, KAREN! MATT WAS MISSING --WE WERE DESPERATE TO FIND HIM--AND THAT LETTER LOOKED LIKE OUR ONLY CLUE!
ANYONE WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING!
BUT--WHY WOULD SPIDER-MAN HAVE WRITTEN SUCH A LETTER--IF IT WEREN'T TRUE?
THAT MAY BE SOMETHING WE'LL NEVER KNOW!

BUT, I WISH THAT MATT REALLY WERE DAREDEVIL!
AT LEAST WE KNOW THAT DAREDEVIL IS ALIVE--SINCE THE NEWSPAPER CARRIED THE REPORT OF HIS ADVENTURE WITH KA-ZAR IN ENGLAND LAST NIGHT!*
STILL, THAT PROVES SPIDER-MAN IS WRONG! WE KNOW THAT MATT DIDN'T LEAVE THE COUNTRY!
OR--DID HE?
YOU SAW IT HERE LAST ISH, DIDN'T YOU? --SNOOPY STAN.


AT THAT MOMENT, EVEN THOUGH KAREN AND FOGGY ARE SPEAKING IN HUSHED TONES BEHIND A HEAVY OAK DOOR--
OH, FOGGY--WHAT IF WE NEVER HEAR FROM MATT AGAIN? WHAT IF--WE NEVER KNOW--
I--JUST DON'T THINK--I COULD BEAR IT--IF--HE'S GONE OUT OF MY LIFE--FOREVER!
KAREN'S VOICE! --ON THE VERGE OF TEARS!
AT A TIME LIKE THIS--I ALMOST WISH I DIDN'T POSSESS AN ULTRA-KEEN SENSE OF HEARING!


AT LEAST, THE TRIP FROM THE AIRPORT GAVE ME TIME TO INVENT AN EXCUSE FOR DISAPPEARING FROM THE SPORTS ARENA DURING THE FIGHT WITH THE TRI-ANDROID!*
IT'S A MIGHTY WEAK EXPLANATION--BUT, WHEN THEY SEE ME ALIVE AND KICKING, THEY'LL JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE IT!
WELL, I CAN'T PUT IT OFF ANY LONGER! HERE GOES--!
*WE PRESENTED THE TRI-ANDROID BACK IN ISH #22--OR WAS IT #21? WOULD'JA BELIEVE #23?---SCATTER-BRAINED STAN.

HELLO--IS ANYBODY HERE?
MATT! MATT --IT--IT'S YOU! IT'S REALLY YOU!
MATTHEW--YOU OLD SONUVAGUN! YOU'RE OKAY! YOU'RE BACK!


I TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY, KAREN! BAD PENNIES AND GOOD LAWYERS ALWAYS TURN UP AGAIN!
WHERE WERE YOU, MATT? WHY DIDN'T YOU CONTACT US? WE WERE SO WORRIED!
CAN'T DELAY ANY LONGER--IT'S TIME TO GO INTO MY ACT--!
WORRIED, KAREN? ABOUT WHAT?
GOSH! I'LL BET THAT BOY DIDN'T GIVE YOU THE NOTE I LEFT FOR YOU!
BOY? NOTE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHEN I FINALLY LEFT THE ARENA, I FELT VERY TIRED--I SUPPOSE THE STRAIN OF ALL THE EXCITEMENT FINALLY GOT TO ME! SO I LEFT A NOTE, TELLING YOU I'D BE TAKING A FEW DAYS OFF--TO REST UP AT THE SEASHORE!
I GAVE IT TO A YOUNG USHER--BUT I SUPPOSE HE WASN'T ABLE TO FIND YOU!
IT WAS CARELESS OF ME--I SHOULD HAVE LATER PHONED, TO MAKE SURE!
"YOU SEE, AS SOON AS I REALIZED THE REAL DAREDEVIL HAD APPEARED IN THE RING, I KNEW THAT MY OWN FOOLISH DISGUISE WAS NO LONGER NEEDED--"
WOW! LOOK AT DAREDEVIL FIGHT! THAT GUY CAN'T EVEN TOUCH 'IM!
DAREDEVIL IS HERE!
NOW, IF I CAN JUST DUCK OUT OF HERE DURING THE EXCITEMENT--WITHOUT BEING NOTICED!
"LUCKILY, I WAS ABLE TO FEEL MY WAY OUT INTO THE ALLEY, WHERE I QUICKLY GOT RID OF MY BOGUS DAREDEVIL OUTFIT! THEN, THINKING YOU WOULD RECEIVE THE NOTE I LEFT YOU, I HEADED FOR THE SEASHORE--!"
WHAT A BREAK! I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF THE REAL DAREDEVIL HADN'T SHOWN UP!
I HATE TELLING A PHONY STORY LIKE THAT TO THEM--BUT, I'VE NO OTHER CHOICE!
BUT, JUDGING BY HER PULSE BEAT, KAREN IS STILL SUSPICIOUS!--WHY?
I'D LOVE TO BELIEVE YOU, MATT--BUT--
BUT WHAT, KAREN?
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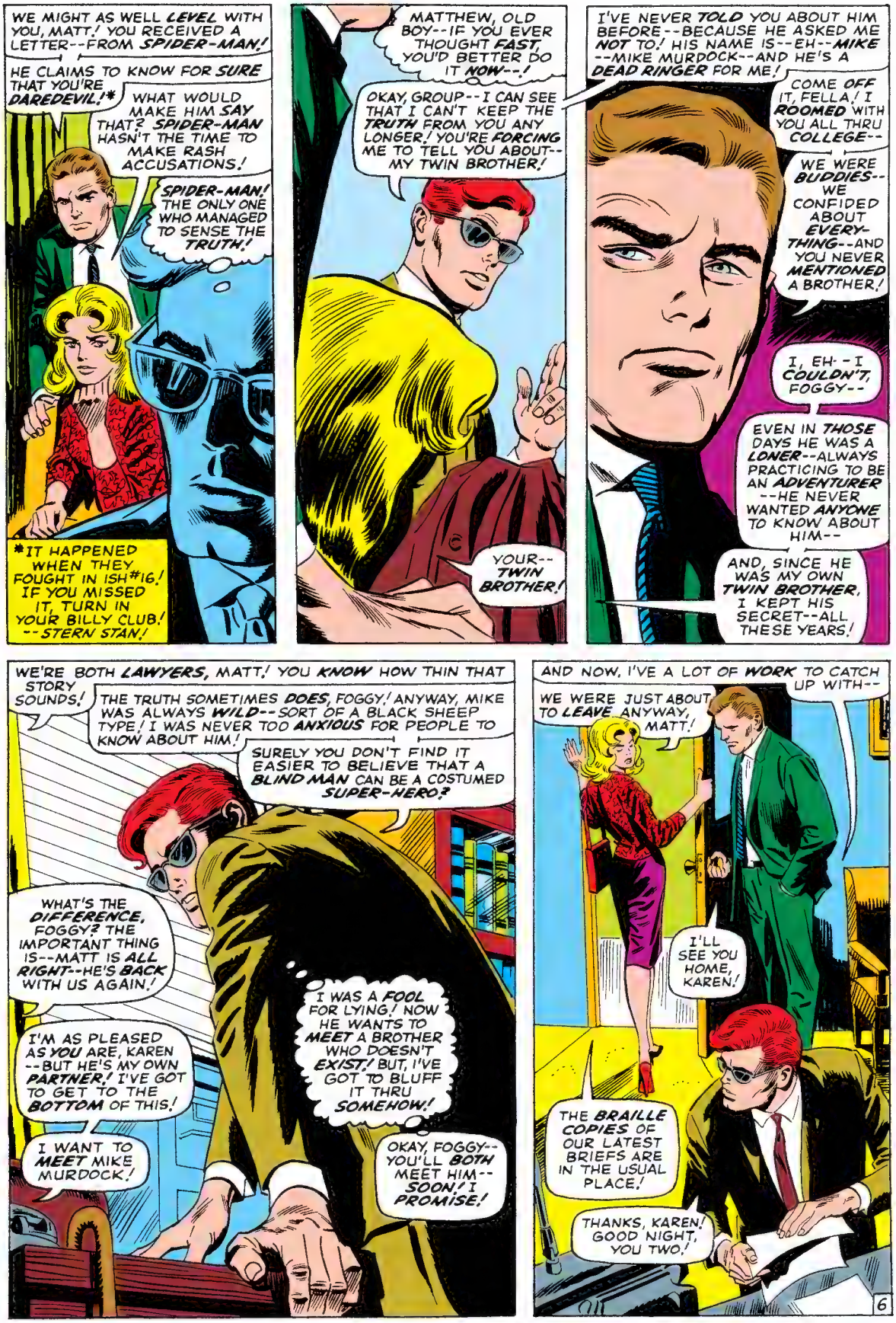
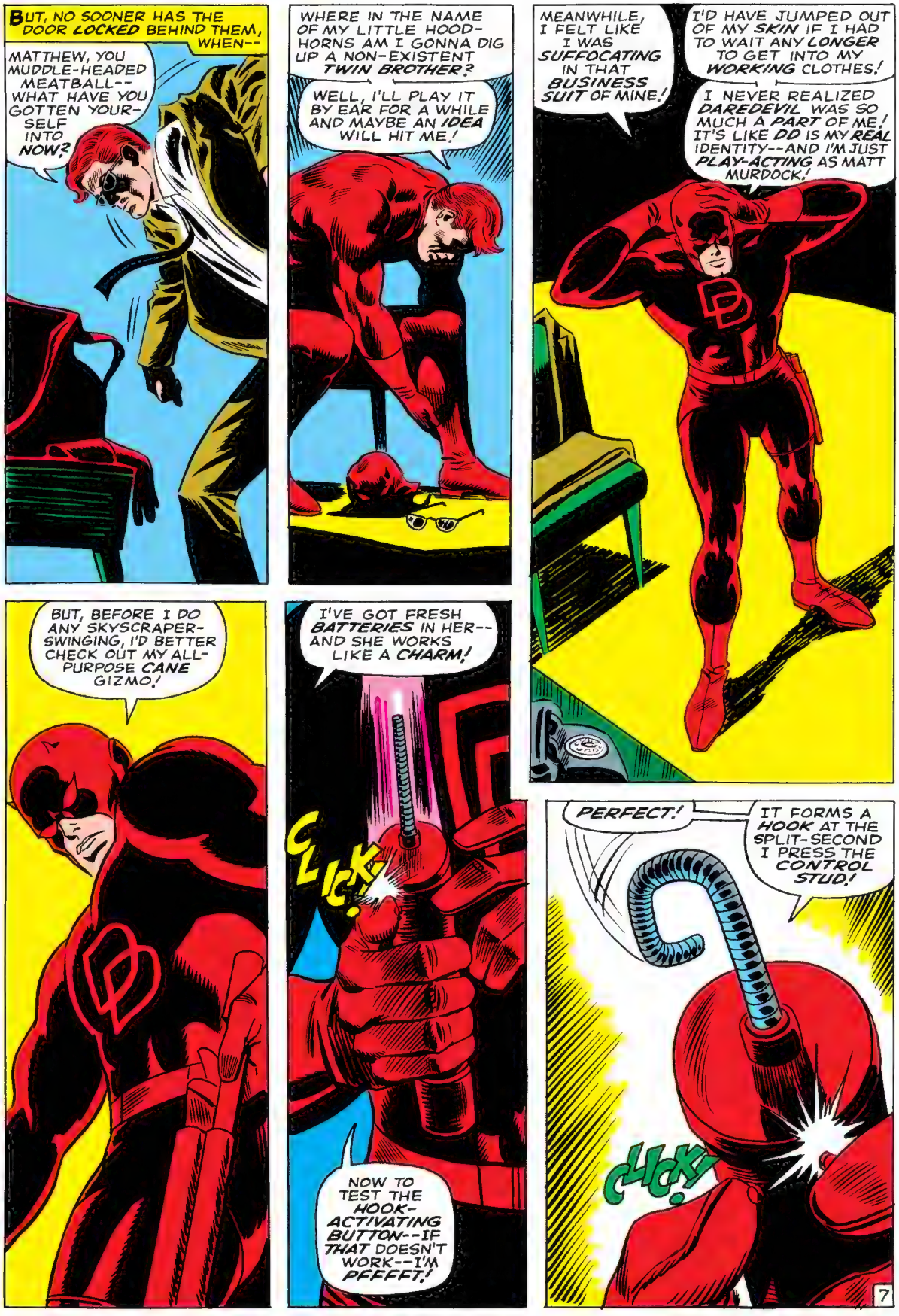

WE MIGHT AS WELL LEVEL WITH YOU, MATT! YOU RECEIVED A LETTER--FROM SPIDER-MAN!
HE CLAIMS TO KNOW FOR SURE THAT YOU'RE DAREDEVIL!*
WHAT WOULD MAKE HIM SAY THAT? SPIDER-MAN HASN'T THE TIME TO MAKE RASH ACCUSATIONS!
SPIDER-MAN! THE ONLY ONE WHO MANAGED TO SENSE THE TRUTH!
*IT HAPPENED WHEN THEY FOUGHT IN ISH #16! IF YOU MISSED IT, TURN IN YOUR BILLY CLUB! --STERN STAN!
MATTHEW, OLD BOY--IF YOU EVER THOUGHT FAST, YOU'D BETTER DO IT NOW--!
OKAY, GROUP--I CAN SEE THAT I CAN'T KEEP THE TRUTH FROM YOU ANY LONGER! YOU'RE FORCING ME TO TELL YOU ABOUT--MY TWIN BROTHER!
YOUR--TWIN BROTHER!
I'VE NEVER TOLD YOU ABOUT HIM BEFORE--BECAUSE HE ASKED ME NOT TO! HIS NAME IS--EH--MIKE --MIKE MURDOCK--AND HE'S A DEAD RINGER FOR ME!
COME OFF IT, FELLA! I ROOMED WITH YOU ALL THRU COLLEGE--
WE WERE BUDDIES--WE CONFIDED ABOUT EVERY-THING--AND YOU NEVER MENTIONED A BROTHER!
I, EH--I COULDN'T, FOGGY--
EVEN IN THOSE DAYS HE WAS A LONER--ALWAYS PRACTICING TO BE AN ADVENTURER --HE NEVER WANTED ANYONE TO KNOW ABOUT HIM--
AND, SINCE HE WAS MY OWN TWIN BROTHER, I KEPT HIS SECRET--ALL THESE YEARS!
WE'RE BOTH LAWYERS, MATT! YOU KNOW HOW THIN THAT STORY SOUNDS!
THE TRUTH SOMETIMES DOES, FOGGY! ANYWAY, MIKE WAS ALWAYS WILD--SORT OF A BLACK SHEEP TYPE! I WAS NEVER TOO ANXIOUS FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT HIM!
SURELY YOU DON'T FIND IT EASIER TO BELIEVE THAT A BLIND MAN CAN BE A COSTUMED SUPER-HERO?
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE, FOGGY? THE IMPORTANT THING IS--MATT IS ALL RIGHT--HE'S BACK WITH US AGAIN!
I'M AS PLEASED AS YOU ARE, KAREN --BUT HE'S MY OWN PARTNER! I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
I WANT TO MEET MIKE MURDOCK!
I WAS A FOOL FOR LYING! NOW HE WANTS TO MEET A BROTHER WHO DOESN'T EXIST! BUT, I'VE GOT TO BLUFF IT THRU SOMEHOW!
OKAY, FOGGY--YOU'LL BOTH MEET HIM--SOON! I PROMISE!
AND NOW, I'VE A LOT OF WORK TO CATCH UP WITH--
WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE ANYWAY, MATT!
I'LL SEE YOU HOME, KAREN!
THE BRAILLE COPIES OF OUR LATEST BRIEFS ARE IN THE USUAL PLACE!
THANKS, KAREN! GOOD NIGHT, YOU TWO!


BUT, NO SOONER HAS THE DOOR LOCKED BEHIND THEM, WHEN--
MATTHEW, YOU MUDDLE-HEADED MEATBALL--WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO NOW?
WHERE IN THE NAME OF MY LITTLE HOOD-HORNS AM I GONNA DIG UP A NON-EXISTENT TWIN BROTHER?
WELL, I'LL PLAY IT BY EAR FOR A WHILE AND MAYBE AN IDEA WILL HIT ME.!
MEANWHILE, I FELT LIKE I WAS SUFFOCATING IN THAT BUSINESS SUIT OF MINE!
I'D HAVE JUMPED OUT OF MY SKIN IF I HAD TO WAIT ANY LONGER TO GET INTO MY WORKING CLOTHES!
I NEVER REALIZED DAREDEVIL WAS SO MUCH A PART OF ME! IT'S LIKE DD IS MY REAL IDENTITY--AND I'M JUST PLAY-ACTING AS MATT MURDOCK!
BUT, BEFORE I DO ANY SKYSCRAPER-SWINGING, I'D BETTER CHECK OUT MY ALL-PURPOSE CANE GIZMO!
I'VE GOT FRESH BATTERIES IN HER--AND SHE WORKS LIKE A CHARM!
CLICK!
NOW TO TEST THE HOOK-ACTIVATING BUTTON--IF THAT DOESN'T WORK--I'M PFFFFT!
PERFECT!
IT FORMS A HOOK AT THE SPLIT-SECOND I PRESS THE CONTROL STUD!
CLICK!
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NOW, SO LONG AS I HOLD MY FINGER DOWN ON THE RELEASE BUTTON, THE FLEXIBLE CABLE SNAPS OUT TO ITS FULL LENGTH WITH THE FLICK OF MY WRIST... AND I'M IN BUSINESS!
THWIP!
THAT'S IT! IF IT WORKED ANY BETTER, I'D HAVE TO FEED IT!
FUNNY-- ITS OPERATION IS SIMPLICITY ITSELF, AND YET NOBODY'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO GUESS ITS SECRET!
FTAK!
IT'S JUST LIKE I'VE ALWAYS CLAIMED-- THE SIMPLEST THINGS ARE USUALLY THE BEST!
--AND THERE ARE FEWER PARTS TO GET OUT OF ORDER!
BUT, I'VE BEEN SO WRAPPED-UP IN MY OWN LITTLE PROBLEMS, THAT I ALMOST FORGOT--
I WANT TO LEARN MORE--LOTS MORE-- ABOUT THAT LEAP-FROG CHARACTER!
MAYBE THERE'LL BE SOME MENTION OF HIM ON THE LATE NEWS SPECIAL--HE SURE SEEMED LIKE A DOOZY!
CLICK
I WONDER HOW I'D FIGHT A SWINGER WHO CAN LEAP LIKE THAT!
AND, AT THAT MOMENT, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN--
NOW I'M READY FOR THE BIG TIME!
BEFORE I'M THRU, THE LEAP-FROG WILL BE THE MOST FAMOUS NAME IN THE ANNALS OF CRIME!
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ALL MY LIFE I'VE INVENTED NOVELTY ITEMS FOR TOY COMPANIES! BUT FINALLY, I DECIDED TO INVENT SOMETHING FOR MYSELF --SOMETHING TO MAKE ME INVINCIBLE --LIKE MY SUPER-SPRINGS!
BUT, A MASTER CRIMINAL WITH A POWER LIKE MINE NEEDS A COSTUME-- SOMETHING WORTHY OF HIS TALENTS!
I'VE WORKED ON THIS FOR WEEKS--KEEPING IT HIDDEN UNTIL THE TIME WAS RIPE--UNTIL I HAD SUCCESSFULLY TESTED MY POWERS!
AND NOW I KNOW THAT I HAVE SUCCEEDED BEYOND MY WILDEST DREAMS!
SO, THERE IS NO REASON FOR FURTHER DELAY--!
WITH MY FROG MASK FIRMLY IN PLACE--
AND MY BATTERY PACK STRAPPED AROUND ME, TO PROVIDE THE ELECTRICAL ENERGY FOR MY SPRINGS--
--THE LEAP-FROG IS READY FOR HIS FIRST FANTASTIC FORAY INTO CRIME!

NO NEED TO BE CHOOSY--I'LL MERELY LOOT THE VERY FIRST JEWELRY STORE I COME TO!
THE MIGHTY LEAP-FROG WILL PLAY NO FAVORITES!
PTHNG!
A LOCKED DOOR PRESENTS NO PROBLEM TO ONE WITH MY TALENTS!
NOW, ALL I NEED DO IS LEARN WHERE THE MOST PRECIOUS GEMS ARE STORED--WAITING PATIENTLY FOR ME!
JEWELRY
BUT, EXACTLY THIRTY SECONDS LATER--
EEEEE
I WAS TOO OVER-CONFIDENT!
IN MY CARELESSNESS, I TRIPPED AN ALARM!
AND, LUCKILY FOR THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE--AS WELL AS FOR OUR STORY--THE ROVING, RED-GARBED DAREDEVIL HAPPENS TO BE WITHIN EARSHOT OF THE SCREETCHING SIGNAL--
THAT'S EITHER A BURGLAR ALARM--OR SOMEONE WITH THE WORST DARN WHEEZE IN HISTORY!
EEEEEEEEE
SOUNDS LIKE IT'S ABOUT THREE BLOCKS AWAY--!
THAT'S JUST A HOP, SKIP, AND A JUMP FOR MERRY MATTHEW!
SO WHAT AM I WAITING FOR?

THE ALARM'S BEEN SILENCED! WHOEVER TRIPPED IT MUST BE A PRETTY HANDY JOKER!
NO PARKIN
BUT MY TRUSTY LITTLE RADAR SENSE CAN PIN-POINT WHERE IT CAME FROM, AND THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW!
JEWELRY
WANNA CHARGE THAT TO THE DINERS CLUB, OR WILL YOU PAY CASH, BUDDY?
WELL, WELL! THE FAMOUS DAREDEVIL!
I'M TRULY HONORED!
BUT, SURELY YOU DON'T EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO CATCH--THE LEAP-FROG?
I'M IN LUCK! IT'S THE CLOWN FROM THE AIRPORT!
KLANG!
OR, MAYBE I'M NOT SO LUCKY!
I NEVER FOUGHT ANYONE WHO COULD MOVE SO FAST BEFORE!
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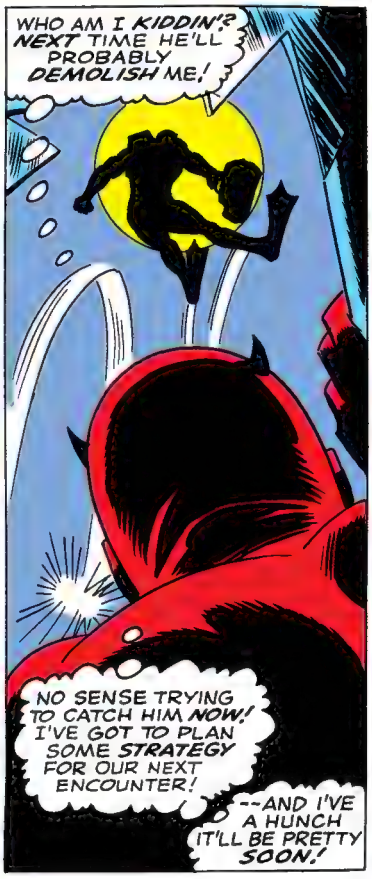
YOU RED-SUITED FOOL! DON'T YOU REALIZE YET THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH THE IMPOSSIBLE?
THE STEEL SPRINGS COILED AT MY FEET MAKE ME A DOZEN TIMES FASTER--MORE AGILE THAN YOU CAN EVER HOPE TO BE!
AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T YET SEEN ME EXERCISE MY GREATEST TALENT--!
YOU MEAN THERE'S MORE?
I CAN HARDLY WAIT!
HE'S SO CONFIDENT THAT HE HASN'T EVEN TRIED TO STRIKE BACK AT ME! HE DOESN'T EVEN SEEM TO CONSIDER ME A THREAT TO HIM!
BTYANG!
I WONDER WHAT NEW LITTLE GOODIES HE HAS UP HIS SLEEVE?

OH BOY! NOW I GET IT!
HANG AROUND, MASKED MAN! YOU AINT SEEN NOTHIN' YET!
HE CAN RICHOCHET FROM WALL TO WALL LIKE A RUBBER BALL--
SPINNNG!
--AND HE PICKS UP SPEED EACH TIME HE DOES IT!

CAN'T KEEP UP WITH HIM! THOSE SPRINGS OF HIS HAVE HIM ZOOMING LIKE A ROCKET!
HE'S JUST SHOWING OFF NOW! HE KNOWS I HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF GRABBING HIM!

THAT DOES IT! HE MADE HIS GETAWAY--AS CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!
HOW DOES IT FEEL, DARE-DEVIL--TO BE HOPELESSLY OUTCLASSED?
YOU CAN TELL ME FROGGY--NEXT TIME WE MEET!


WHO AM I KIDDIN'? NEXT TIME HE'LL PROBABLY DEMOLISH ME!
NO SENSE TRYING TO CATCH HIM NOW! I'VE GOT TO PLAN SOME STRATEGY FOR OUR NEXT ENCOUNTER!
--AND I'VE A HUNCH IT'LL BE PRETTY SOON!

AND, AS IF THINGS AREN'T BAD ENOUGH, I JUST REMEMBERED--
I STILL HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO CONVINCE FOGGY AND KAREN THAT MATT MURDOCK HAS A TWIN BROTHER--
...WHO JUST HAPPENS TO BE...ME!

AND SO IT IS, WHEN FOGGY AND KAREN REACH THE OFFICE NEXT MORNING, THEY FIND--
WHAT'S MATT DOING WITH THOSE LOUD CLOTHES-- AND SUN-GLASSES?
FOGGY! THAT-- THAT ISN'T MATT MURDOCK!
SAY! WAIT A MINUTE--!
NELSON AND MURDOCK ATTORN
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, DOLL!
OL' MATT'S THE ONE WITH THE BRAINS--BUT I'M THE FAMILY PUSSYCAT!
THE NAME'S MIKE, GANG--AND TRY NOT TO APPLAUD-- I'M ALMOST AS SHY AS I AM GLAMOROUS!
SAY! NO WONDER MATTHEW LIKES WORKING HERE! ANY MORE AT HOME LIKE YOU, BABY?
YOU-- MUST BE --MATT'S TWIN BROTHER!
WELL, I SURE AINT HIS SISTER!
C'MON, GROUP--YUK IT UP! I DON'T BITE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MURDOCK?
AWW, DON'T BE FORMAL, PUDGY! YOU CAN CALL ME MISTER MURDOCK!
OL' MATTHEW SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE ME-- SO FEAST YOUR EYES, KIDDIES!
HEARD ANY GOOD STORIES, LATELY?
HOW'S ABOUT SOME BAD ONES?
YOU'RE JUST A BUNDLE'A PERSONALITY, EH, TUBBY?
HOW'S ABOUT A LITTLE ROCK 'N ROLL WHILE YOU'RE KEEPIN' US IN STITCHES, DAD?
FOGGY! THIS MEANS--MATT WAS TELLING US THE TRUTH!
CLICK
YOU KNOW IT, CHICK! YOU DON'T CATCH OL' "TWINNY" TALKIN' WITH A FORKED TONGUE!
HE'S A REGULAR TONTO!
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BULLETIN! THE LEAP-FROG HAS STRUCK AGAIN! HE HELD UP THE MIDTOWN BRANCH OF THE CITY NATIONAL BANK AT 8:30 A.M.
THAT'S JUST FIVE MINUTES AGO!!--LUCKY I TUNED IN!
HOW ABOUT THAT, KITTEN? YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT THEY JUST PLAYED MY THEME SONG!
I'VE GOTTA CUT OUT FOR A WHILE! NO TEARS NOW, HEAR?
BOY! THAT LUCKY BROTHER OF MINE!!
SO THAT'S WHAT A SUPER-HERO IS LIKE IN REAL LIFE!
--A SWAGGERING, SWELL-HEADED, LOUD-MOUTHED CLOWN!
HE'S NOTHING LIKE MATT-- AND YET--
--HE DOES HAVE A CERTAIN CHARM!
YEAH! LIKE A HIP HYENA!
OKAY, FRANTIC ONE-- ACTION TIME'S HERE AGAIN--SO BUCKLE UP--!
THAT BANK MESSENGER NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HIM!
PWANNG!
I GRABBED THIS SATCHEL AND WAS OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE HE COULD UNFLAP HIS HOLSTER!
I MAY HAVE TO START OPERATING WITH ONE HAND TIED BEHIND ME-- JUST TO KEEP IT INTEREST-ING!
GOOD OL' RADAR SENSE! I HAD A HUNCH THE LEAP-FROG WOULD MAKE HIS GETAWAY THRU THE PARK-- AND IT SURE IS A BREEZE TO ZERO IN ON A GUY WHO'S BOINNNNNNG-ING ALL OVER THE PLACE!
HE'S COMING RIGHT TOWARD ME! IT'S NOW OR NEVER!
AND NEVER IS TOO BLAMED LONG!
FTHUMM!
YOU!!
GLAD I BUMPED INTO YOU, FROGGY!
YOU DIDN'T SAY "MAY I?" WHEN YOU TOOK THAT GIANT STEP!
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GOTTA HOLD ON TO HIM!
IF HE SLIPS AWAY FROM ME, IT'LL BE BYE BYE, LEAP-FROG!
SWOOSH!
THRAK!
BLAST IT-- I CAN'T HANG ON TO 'IM!
THOSE STEEL SPRINGS OF HIS ARE PRACTICALLY ALIVE!
FTING!
FTANG!
BOK
YOU WANT WHAT I'M CARRYING, HORN-HEAD?
THEN GO ROB YOUR OWN BANK!

THAT ENDS THE WORK-OUT, MASKED MAN--
ZANG!
THTANG!
THANKS TO YOU, I DON'T NEED A PUNCHING BAG!
HE--GOT AWAY-- FROM ME-- AGAIN!
--OR, DID HE--?
THERE'S STILL TIME TO UNCOIL MY CANE CABLE-- AND SNAP IT AROUND IN A GIANT CIRCLE--!
IF I'M LUCKY, I JUST MAY SNARE-SOME-THING!
:UHH!:
THWUPP!
WELL, WADDAYA KNOW? I'M BACK IN THE MONEY AGAIN!
CAREFUL, CHUM! THIS'LL HURT YOU A LOT MORE THAN ME--I HOPE!
WOK!
AND NOW--I'LL SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE OF WALKING TOWARDS ME--!
SKREEEE!

NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF WEIRD POWERS OR STUNTS I'M UP AGAINST, NOTHING EVER BEATS A SOLID PUNCH IN THE KISSER!
SOMEHOW, IT'S SO CLEAN--SO CLEAR-CUT--SO SINCERE!
AND, BEST OF ALL--IT'S AS AMERICAN AS MOM'S APPLE PIE!
THOK!
STAY STILL WHEN I'M TRYING TO RELATE TO YOU! YOU'RE LOSING THE MESSAGE --MISSING THE POETRY OF IT ALL!
EVEN THOUGH I'M KNOCKING MYSELF OUT TO PUT AN END TO YOUR CAPRICIOUS LITTLE CRIME CAREER, WE DON'T WANT IT TO BE A TOTAL LOSS FOR YOU--
AT LEAST YOU CAN NURTURE YOUR SOUL WITH SOME PUNGENT PHILOSOPHY WHILE YOU'RE TAKING YOUR WHACKS!
HEY! PAY ATTENTION! THERE MAY BE A QUIZ LATER!
BOP!
OKAY! I GET THE MESSAGE! I'VE HAD IT!
THEN ON YOUR FEET, FROGGY! WE'LL MARCH YOU OVER TO THE BOYS IN BLUE NOW--
UH OH! HIS HEARTBEAT IS SPEEDING UP! IT COULD MEAN--
BUT, BEFORE DD CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE--
HE'S PLAYING POSSUM!--ABOUT TO ATTACK--
:UNNHHH!:
WOK!
NOW THE SHOE'S ON THE OTHER FOOT!
YOU SHOULD'A LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE, CHUCKLES!
IT'S LUCKY MY RADAR SENSE GAVE ME A SPLIT-SECOND TO ROLL WITH HIS KICK!
HAVE TO KEEP POUNDING HIM! CAN'T LET HIM HOP AWAY!
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WELL, WADDAYA KNOW?
HE'S ALL SET TO SPRING UP AGAIN-- THE SILLY BOY!
YOU'RE A MIGHTY TRICKY TOADIE, AREN'T YOU?
WELL, YOURS TRULY CAN BE KIND'A TRICKY, TOO!
NOW'S THE TIME TO REALLY PUT HIM ON ICE!
WHUPPF!
YOK!
KYOP!
IF THIS DOESN'T PUT YOU UNDER WRAPS FOR A WHILE, I'LL TURN IN MY SUPER-HERO CARD!
GERONIMO!
SPLASH!

THEN, A FEW, FLEET SECONDS LATER--
LOOK! HE GOT 'IM!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!
HE SURE KNOCKED ALL THE FIGHT OUT OF HIM!
DUNNO HOW YOU DID IT, D.D.-- BUT WE'RE MUCH OBLIGED!
FROM NOW ON, HE CAN DO ALL HIS LEAPING IN A NICE, QUIET CELL!
HE'S ALL YOURS, FELLAS!
BE GOOD TO 'IM--HE'S A CINCH TO CAPTURE THE HIGH-JUMP TROPHY IN THE NEXT PRISON OLYMPICS!
CHEER UP, FROGGY! YOU CAN TELL US ALL ABOUT IT WHILE WE'RE RIDING IN THE PADDY WAGON!
LATER, IN THE NOW-FAMOUS LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, WE WRAP UP THIS MONTH'S MERRIMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING LITTLE EPILOGUE--
YOU SAY THAT THIS NOTE IS FROM THE LEAP-FROG, ASKING US TO DEFEND HIM IN COURT?
C'MON, FOGGY--QUIT SULKING,! I KNOW YOU HATE COSTUMED CROOKS--BUT SOMEHOW, THEY REALLY GRAB ME!
SOUNDS LIKE IT'LL BE A GREAT CASE, PARTNER!
I GUESS IT'S THE ONE THING I HAVE IN COMMON WITH--MY BROTHER MIKE!
NEXT ISH:
MORE OF "BROTHER MIKE", PLUS A FEW NEW SWINGIN' SURPRISES!

HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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AT LAST! SEE THE MASKED MARAUDER UNMASKED!
IT'S ONE OF OUR LEAST INSPIRED TITLES BUT THE STORY'S A BLAST!!
"STILT-MAN STRIKES AGAIN!"

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
STILT-MAN STRIKES AGAIN
HONEST, WE PROMISE YOU, OUR SPELL-BINDING SAGA IS FAR MORE INSPIRING THAN THE SOMEWHAT PEDESTRIAN TITLE WHICH IT BEARS!
IT WAS GREAT, TAKING THE AFTERNOON OFF SO I COULD SKEEDADDLE AROUND TOWN FOR A WHILE!
BUT, I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW LATE IT WAS GETTING!
PULSE-POUNDING PRESENTATION BY:
SMILIN' STAN LEE and GENIAL GENE COLAN
LOTS OF LITTLE LETTERING BY: ARTIE SIMEK
I'D BETTER RUSH BACK TO THE OFFICE IN CASE FOGGY OR KAREN NEED MATT MURDOCK FOR ANYTHING!
WHEN YOU OR I COMMUTE TO WORK, TIGER, WE'RE APT TO TAKE A BUS, A TAXI, OR A TRAIN! IN FACT, WE MIGHT EVEN WALK! BUT, WHEN YOU'RE A SWING-A-DINGIN' SUPER-HERO LIKE OL' DO--WELL, JUST WATCH--
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ROMPIN' AROUND TOWN IN A COSTUME MAY NOT BE THE SAFEST JOB OF ALL--
BUT, IT HAS ITS GOOD POINTS--
AT LEAST, I DON'T HAVE TO SQUANDER MY HARD-EARNED SHEKELS ON CAB FARE!
--OR WORRY ABOUT GETTING CAUGHT IN TRAFFIC JAMS!
W45ST.
NT DELIVE
NO PARKING 6AM TO 7PM MON. TO FRI.
WHAT IN THE NAME OF--?!!
OH! ANOTHER SUPER-HERO!
IN THIS TOWN, YOU CAN'T TURN AROUND WITHOUT TRIPPING OVER ONE OF 'EM!
WELL, THIS IS IT!
THONK!
I'LL JUST BOUNCE OFF THE NEAREST TRUCK TOP--ONTO THE BALCONY ABOVE --THEN, A FEW QUICK SOMERSAULTS UPWARD--
--AND IT'S GOT WAITING FOR AN ELEVATOR BEAT A MILE!
ALTHOUGH, IF I EVER FORGET TO LEAVE THIS WINDOW OPEN--HOOO BOY!
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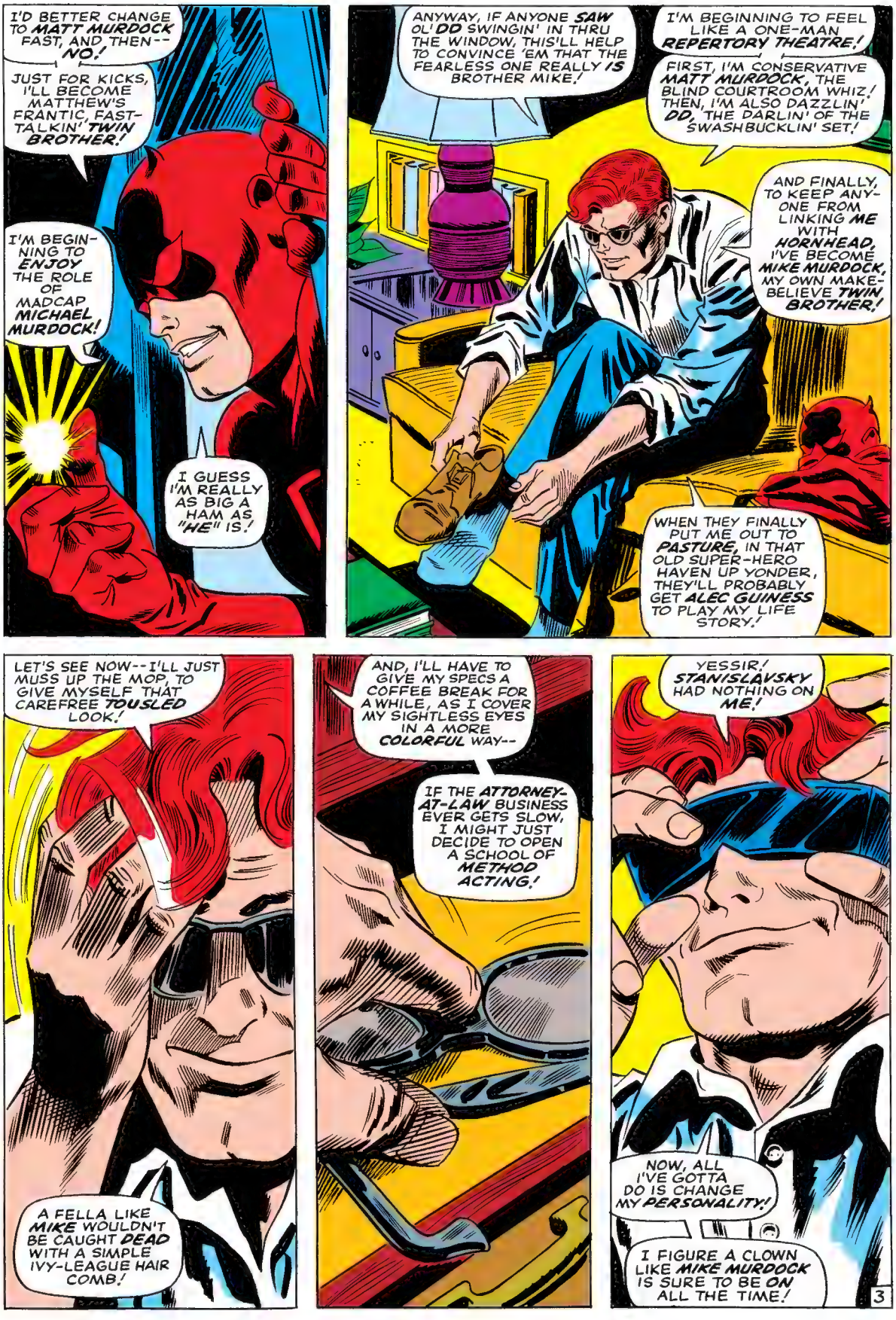
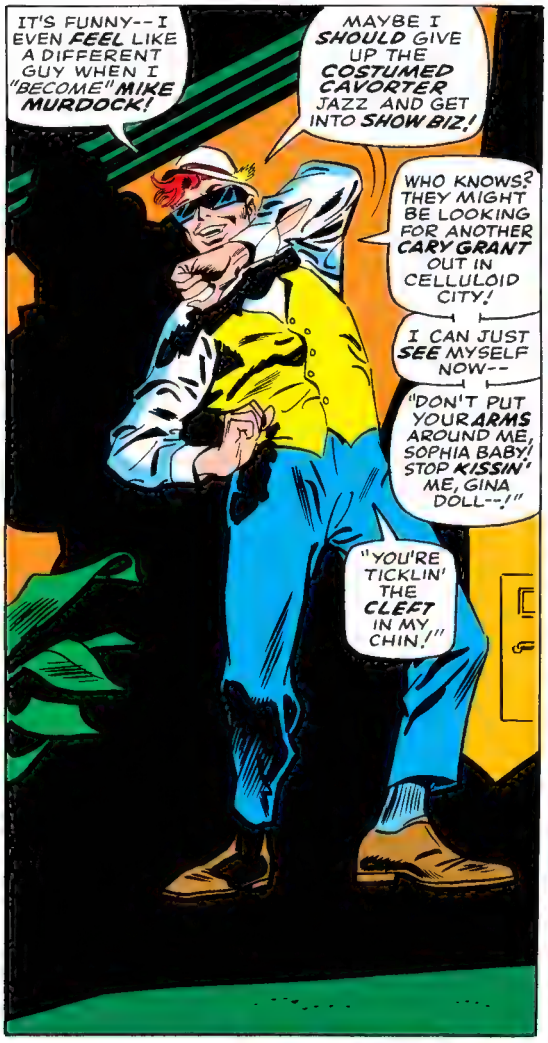
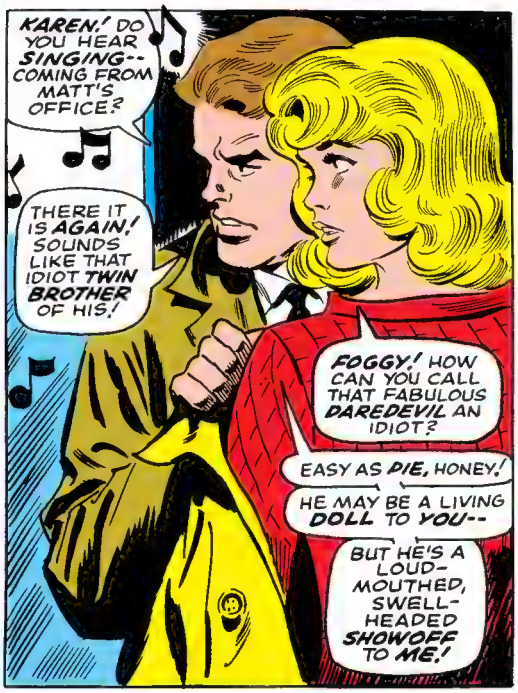
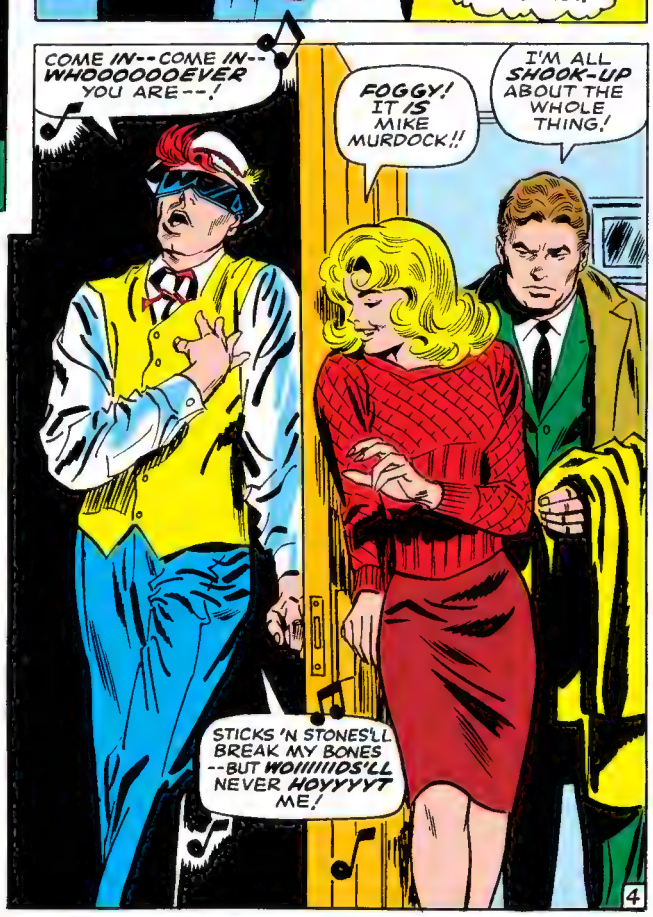

I'D BETTER CHANGE TO MATT MURDOCK FAST, AND THEN-- NO!
JUST FOR KICKS, I'LL BECOME MATTHEW'S FRANTIC, FAST-TALKIN' TWIN BROTHER!
I'M BEGINNING TO ENJOY THE ROLE OF MADCAP MICHAEL MURDOCK!
I GUESS I'M REALLY AS BIG A HAM AS "HE" IS!
ANYWAY, IF ANYONE SAW OL' DD SWINGIN' IN THRU THE WINDOW, THIS'LL HELP TO CONVINCE 'EM THAT THE FEARLESS ONE REALLY IS BROTHER MIKE!
I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE A ONE-MAN REPERTORY THEATRE!
FIRST, I'M CONSERVATIVE MATT MURDOCK, THE BLIND COURTROOM WHIZ! THEN, I'M ALSO DAZZLIN' DD, THE DARLIN' OF THE SWASHBUCKLIN' SET!
AND FINALLY, TO KEEP ANY-ONE FROM LINKING ME WITH HORNHEAD, I'VE BECOME MIKE MURDOCK, MY OWN MAKE-BELIEVE TWIN BROTHER!
WHEN THEY FINALLY PUT ME OUT TO PASTURE, IN THAT OLD SUPER-HERO HAVEN UP YONDER, THEY'LL PROBABLY GET ALEC GUINESS TO PLAY MY LIFE STORY!
LET'S SEE NOW--I'LL JUST MUSS UP THE MOP, TO GIVE MYSELF THAT CAREFREE TOUSLED LOOK!
A FELLA LIKE MIKE WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD WITH A SIMPLE IVY-LEAGUE HAIR COMB!
AND, I'LL HAVE TO GIVE MY SPECS A COFFEE BREAK FOR AWHILE, AS I COVER MY SIGHTLESS EYES IN A MORE COLORFUL WAY--
IF THE ATTORNEY-AT-LAW BUSINESS EVER GETS SLOW, I MIGHT JUST DECIDE TO OPEN A SCHOOL OF METHOD ACTING!
YESSIR! STANISLAVSKY HAD NOTHING ON ME!
NOW, ALL I'VE GOTTA DO IS CHANGE MY PERSONALITY!
I FIGURE A CLOWN LIKE MIKE MURDOCK IS SURE TO BE ON ALL THE TIME!

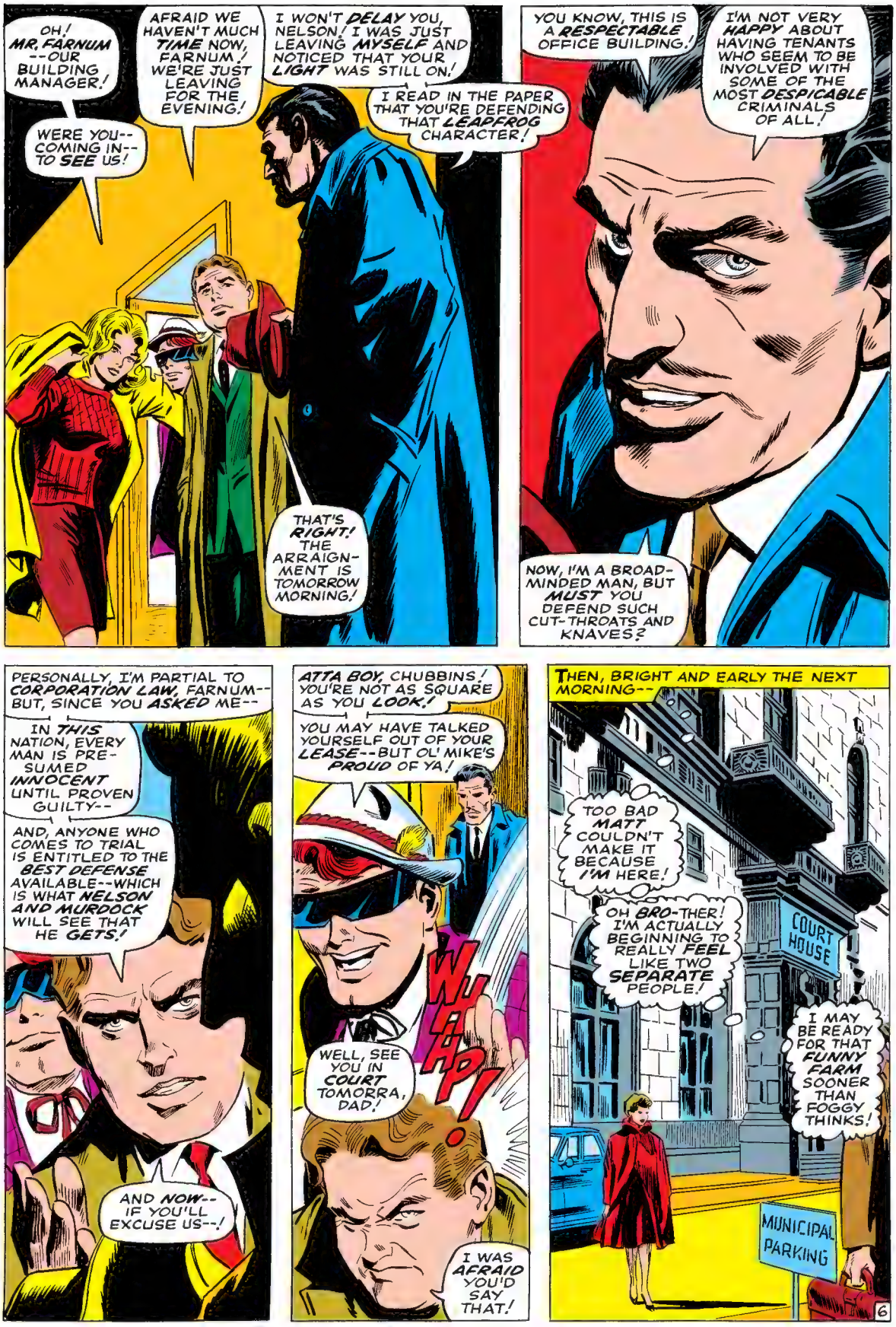

IT'S FUNNY--I EVEN FEEL LIKE A DIFFERENT GUY WHEN I "BECOME" MIKE MURDOCK!
MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE UP THE COSTUMED CAVORTER JAZZ AND GET INTO SHOW BIZ!
WHO KNOWS? THEY MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER CARY GRANT OUT IN CELLULOID CITY!
I CAN JUST SEE MYSELF NOW--
"DON'T PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND ME, SOPHIA BABY! STOP KISSIN' ME, GINA DOLL--!"
"YOU'RE TICKLIN' THE CLEFT IN MY CHIN.!"

UH OH! I HEAR FOGGY AND KAREN PASSING THE DOOR! THEY'RE JUST LEAVING!
WELL, WE'LL SEE IF OL' MIKE CAN DREAM UP SOME WONDROUS WAY TO STOP 'EM!
AFTER ALL--IF I WENT TO ALL THIS TROUBLE TO BECOME MY OWN TWIN BROTHER, SOMEONE MIGHT AS WELL CATCH THE ACT!


KAREN! DO YOU HEAR SINGING--COMING FROM MATT'S OFFICE?
THERE IT IS AGAIN! SOUNDS LIKE THAT IDIOT TWIN BROTHER OF HIS!
FOGGY! HOW CAN YOU CALL THAT FABULOUS DAREDEVIL AN IDIOT?
EASY AS DIE, HONEY!
HE MAY BE A LIVING DOLL TO YOU--
BUT HE'S A LOUD-MOUTHED, SWELL-HEADED SHOWOFF TO ME!


COME IN--COME IN--WHOOOOOOEVER YOU ARE--!
FOGGY! IT IS MIKE MURDOCK!!
I'M ALL SHOOK-UP ABOUT THE WHOLE THING!
STICKS 'N STONES'LL BREAK MY BONES --BUT WOIIIIIDS'LL NEVER HOYYYYT ME!

AHH, A MAIDEN FAIR DOTH ENTER THE OFFICE OF BROTHER MATTHEW!
BUT, WHO IS THAT STANDING AT HER SIDE? HE FROWNS--HE SCOWLS--HE MUMBLES UNDER HIS BREATH!!
'TIS CERTAIN HE IS NO MEMBER OF THE MIKE MURDOCK FAN CLUB!
BUT, LET ME WARN YOU, MY CHUBBY FRIEND--
MMMMM--YOU DIRTY RAT--MIKE MURDOCK IS MY FRIEND--SO TREAT 'IM NICE--
KAREN--YOU'D BETTER NOTIFY THE FUNNY FARM--HE'S READY FOR A PADDED CELL!
OH, FOGGY! DON'T BE SILLY! CAN'T YOU TELL HE'S IMITATING JAMES CAGNEY?!!
YOU RECOGNIZED IT!! KAREN BABY--YOU'RE THE GREATEST!
IF YOU COULD ONLY SWING 'ROUND THE ROOFTOPS ON A BILLY-CLUB CABLE, YOU'D BE PERFECT!
NO WONDER MATT NEVER WANTED TO TELL US ABOUT HIM--!
HE'S A FEARLESS, FULL-TIME NUT!
MIKE MURDOCK--TELL ME SOMETHING--AREN'T YOU EVER SERIOUS?
SURE I AM--
C'MON, LET'S GET MARRIED!
SORRY, I CAN'T! I'VE A HAIRDRESSER APPOINTMENT!
KAREN, WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE BEFORE YOU GET AS WHACKY AS HE!
SEE? WHEN I'M SERIOUS, NO ONE BELIEVES ME!
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE OUT OF OUR TREE BY TOMORROW WHEN COURT CONVENES FOR THE LEAPFROG'S* ARRAIGNMENT!
HOW CAN A MAN LIKE MATT HAVE A TWIN BROTHER WHO'S A REAL MENTAL CASE?!!
*THE LEAPFROG IS THE BADDIE WHOM DD DELIVERED TO THE LAW LAST ISH--AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW!--SMILEY!
HEY--HOLD IT, GROUP!
IF YOU'RE GONNA BE IN COURT TOMORROW, SAVE A SEAT FOR ME! I WANNA WATCH YOU LEGAL EAGLES IN ACTION!
AFTER ALL--DON'T FORGET WHO IT WAS WHO OUT-LEAPED THE LEAPFROG!
HE'S RIGHT, FOGGY! HE DESERVES A SEAT AT THE TRIAL!
SURE! SURE! SO DOES DERRY MASON!
LET'S GO!


OH! MR. FARNUM --OUR BUILDING MANAGER!
WERE YOU-- COMING IN-- TO SEE US!
AFRAID WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME NOW, FARNUM! WE'RE JUST LEAVING FOR THE EVENING!
I WON'T DELAY YOU, NELSON! I WAS JUST LEAVING MYSELF AND NOTICED THAT YOUR LIGHT WAS STILL ON!
I READ IN THE PAPER THAT YOU'RE DEFENDING THAT LEAPFROG CHARACTER!
THAT'S RIGHT! THE ARRAIGN-MENT IS TOMORROW MORNING!
YOU KNOW, THIS IS A RESPECTABLE OFFICE BUILDING!
I'M NOT VERY HAPPY ABOUT HAVING TENANTS WHO SEEM TO BE INVOLVED WITH SOME OF THE MOST DESPICABLE CRIMINALS OF ALL!
NOW, I'M A BROAD-MINDED MAN, BUT MUST YOU DEFEND SUCH CUT-THROATS AND KNAVES?
PERSONALLY, I'M PARTIAL TO CORPORATION LAW, FARNUM-- BUT, SINCE YOU ASKED ME--
IN THIS NATION, EVERY MAN IS PRE-SUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY--
AND, ANYONE WHO COMES TO TRIAL IS ENTITLED TO THE BEST DEFENSE AVAILABLE--WHICH IS WHAT NELSON AND MURDOCK WILL SEE THAT HE GETS!
AND NOW-- IF YOU'LL EXCUSE US--!
ATTA BOY, CHUBBINS! YOU'RE NOT AS SQUARE AS YOU LOOK!
YOU MAY HAVE TALKED YOURSELF OUT OF YOUR LEASE--BUT OL' MIKE'S PROUD OF YA!
WHAP!
WELL, SEE YOU IN COURT TOMORRA, DAD!
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SAY THAT!
THEN, BRIGHT AND EARLY THE NEXT MORNING--
TOO BAD MATT COULDN'T MAKE IT BECAUSE I'M HERE!
OH BRO-THER! I'M ACTUALLY BEGINNING TO REALLY FEEL LIKE TWO SEPARATE PEOPLE!
COURT HOUSE
I MAY BE READY FOR THAT FUNNY FARM SOONER THAN FOGGY THINKS!
MUNICIPAL PARKING
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WHILE INSIDE, THE CROWDED CORRIDORS ARE RIFE WITH RUMORS AND SPECULATION--
HOW COME NELSON IS DEFENDING THE LEAP-FROG--INSTEAD OF MATT MURDOCK?
MISTER, MY JOB IS TO GUARD THIS DOOR! ONE LAWYER'S THE SAME AS ANOTHER TO ME!
MAYBE NELSON'S TIRED OF MURDOCK ALWAYS GRABBIN' THE SPOT-LIGHT?
I WONDER WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN THERE NOW?
AND, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PANELLED OAK DOOR--
THIS IS FOR THE BIRDS! A GUY COULD FALL ASLEEP IN HERE--
I SUPPOSE THE ROUTINE PROCESS OF COURTROOM PROCEDURE WOULD SEEM DULL--TO A MAN LIKE YOU, MIKE--!
ALTHOUGH YOUR BROTHER, MATT, WOULD BE IN HIS ELEMENT HERE!
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY HE ASKED FOGGY TO MAKE THE OPENING PRESENTATION?
POOR FOGGY WOULD RATHER SINK HIS TEETH INTO A JUICY CORPORATION TAX CASE ANY DAY!
MATT COULDN'T BE HERE 'CAUSE I DECIDED TO COME AS MIKE--
BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT, LITTLE LADY!
AND NOW--IF IT PLEASE THE COURT --I SUBMIT, EXHIBIT "A"--
--THE ELECTRONICALLY-ACTIVATED SPRING-SOLED SHOES WHICH ENABLED THE LEAP-FROG TO EXECUTE HIS DAZZLING HIGH-JUMPS!
I ASK THE DEFENDANT TO STUDY THIS SHOE! IS IT NOT THE SAME ONE YOU WORE WHEN COMMITTING YOUR CRIMES?
NAH! I NEVER EVEN SAW IT BEFORE!
BUT, IT WAS TAKEN FROM YOUR OWN FOOT!
OBJECTION! COUNCIL IS TRYING TO BADGER THE WITNESS!
I'M AS INNOCENT AS A NEW-BORN BABE! I COULDN'T BE THE LEAP-FROG! I'M SCARED OF HEIGHTS!
I EVEN GET AIRSICK STANDIN' ON A THICK RUG!
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SAY, DOLL--WHY DOESN'T THE D.A. JUST MEASURE HIS HOOF 'N SEE IF IT'S THE SAME SIZE?--IF IT WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR CINDERELLA--
WOULD YOU MIND KEEPING YOUR VOICE DOWN, YOUNG MAN? OTHERS WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE PROCEEDINGS!
COOL IT, POPS! I'LL CLUE YOU IN AS WE GO ALONG!
MIKE! YOU'VE GOT TO BE QUIET --OR THE BAILIFF WILL EVICT YOU! THIS IS A COURTROOM!
NO ONE SHOVES YOURS TRULY AROUND, BABY! THE SUPER-HERO UNION'LL PICKET THE JOINT!
CAN'TCHA SEE THOSE SHOES WOULD NEVER FIT ME? THEY'RE MUCH TOO SMALL!
WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION, THERE'S ONE WAY TO DISPROVE THAT--!
ALL RIGHT, LEMME HAVE 'EM! I'LL SHOW YOU!
MAN! WHAT A PAIR OF CLOD-HOPPERS THESE ARE--!
HEY! HOLD IT! GRAB THOSE SHOES!! WHAT IF HE--?
MIKE! I WARNED YOU! YOU CAN'T MAKE AN OUTCRY LIKE THAT!
I CAN'T, HUH? SO, I'LL CLAM UP--WHILE THEY HAND THE LEAP-FROG HIS ESCAPE--ON A SILVER PLATTER!
OKAY--YOU WIN YOUR CASE! YOU PROVED I AM THE LEAP-FROG!!
BUT, NOW THAT I'VE GOT MY SPRING-SHOES AGAIN--LET'S SEE WHAT GOOD IT DOES YOU!
STOP, YOU FOOL! YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT!
BTWANG!
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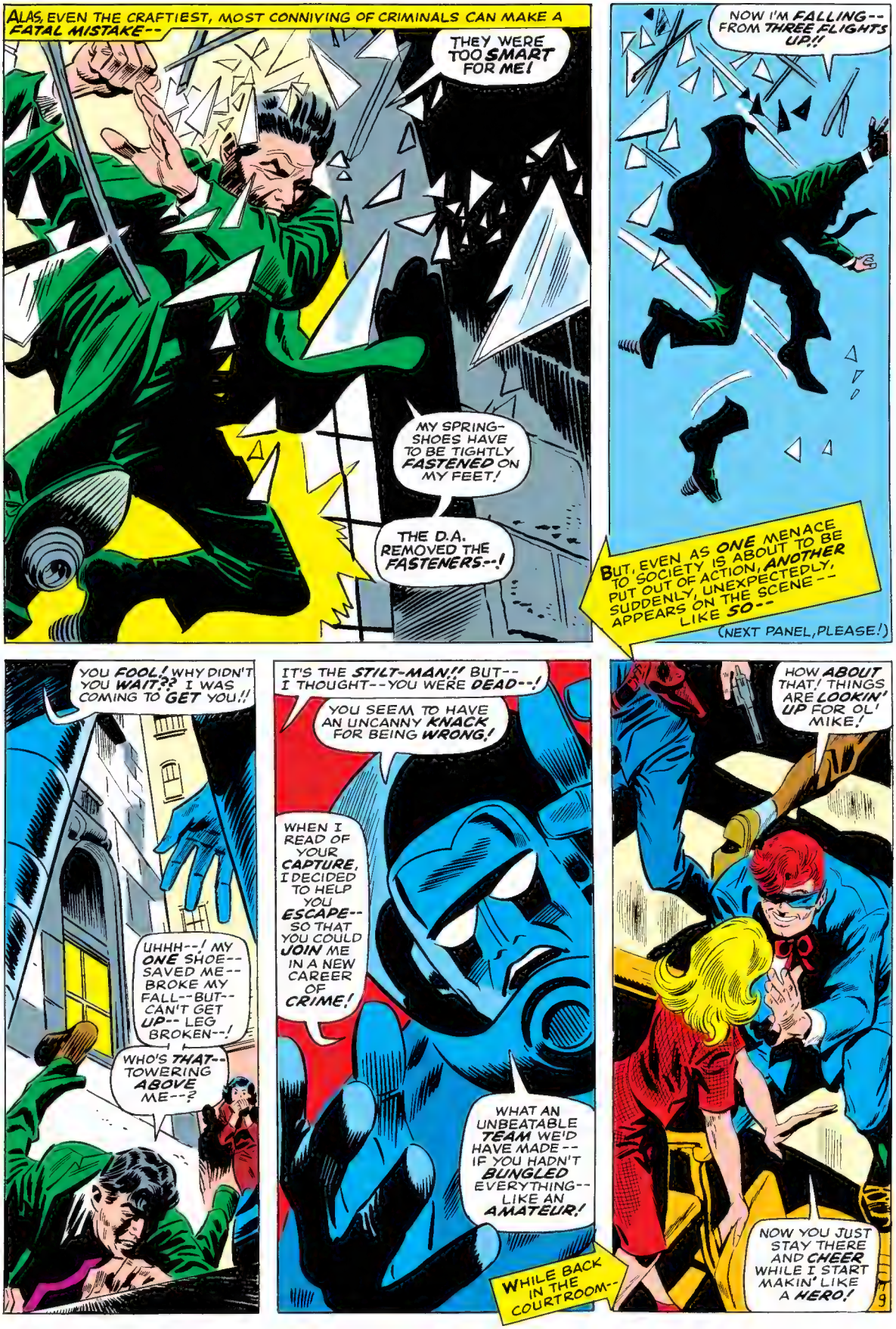
ALAS, EVEN THE CRAFTIEST, MOST CONNIVING OF CRIMINALS CAN MAKE A FATAL MISTAKE--
THEY WERE TOO SMART FOR ME!
MY SPRING-SHOES HAVE TO BE TIGHTLY FASTENED ON MY FEET!
THE D.A. REMOVED THE FASTENERS--!
NOW I'M FALLING-- FROM THREE FLIGHTS UP!!
BUT, EVEN AS ONE MENACE TO SOCIETY IS ABOUT TO BE PUT OUT OF ACTION, ANOTHER SUDDENLY, UNEXPECTEDLY, APPEARS ON THE SCENE-- LIKE SO--
(NEXT PANEL, PLEASE!)
YOU FOOL! WHY DIDN'T YOU WAIT?? I WAS COMING TO GET YOU!!
UHHH--! MY ONE SHOE-- SAVED ME-- BROKE MY FALL--BUT-- CAN'T GET UP-- LEG BROKEN--!
WHO'S THAT-- TOWERING ABOVE ME--?
IT'S THE STILT-MAN!! BUT-- I THOUGHT--YOU WERE DEAD--!
YOU SEEM TO HAVE AN UNCANNY KNACK FOR BEING WRONG!
WHEN I READ OF YOUR CAPTURE, I DECIDED TO HELP YOU ESCAPE-- SO THAT YOU COULD JOIN ME IN A NEW CAREER OF CRIME!
WHAT AN UNBEATABLE TEAM WE'D HAVE MADE-- IF YOU HADN'T BUNGLED EVERYTHING-- LIKE AN AMATEUR!
WHILE BACK IN THE COURTROOM--
HOW ABOUT THAT! THINGS ARE LOOKIN' UP FOR OL' MIKE!
NOW YOU JUST STAY THERE AND CHEER WHILE I START MAKIN' LIKE A HERO!
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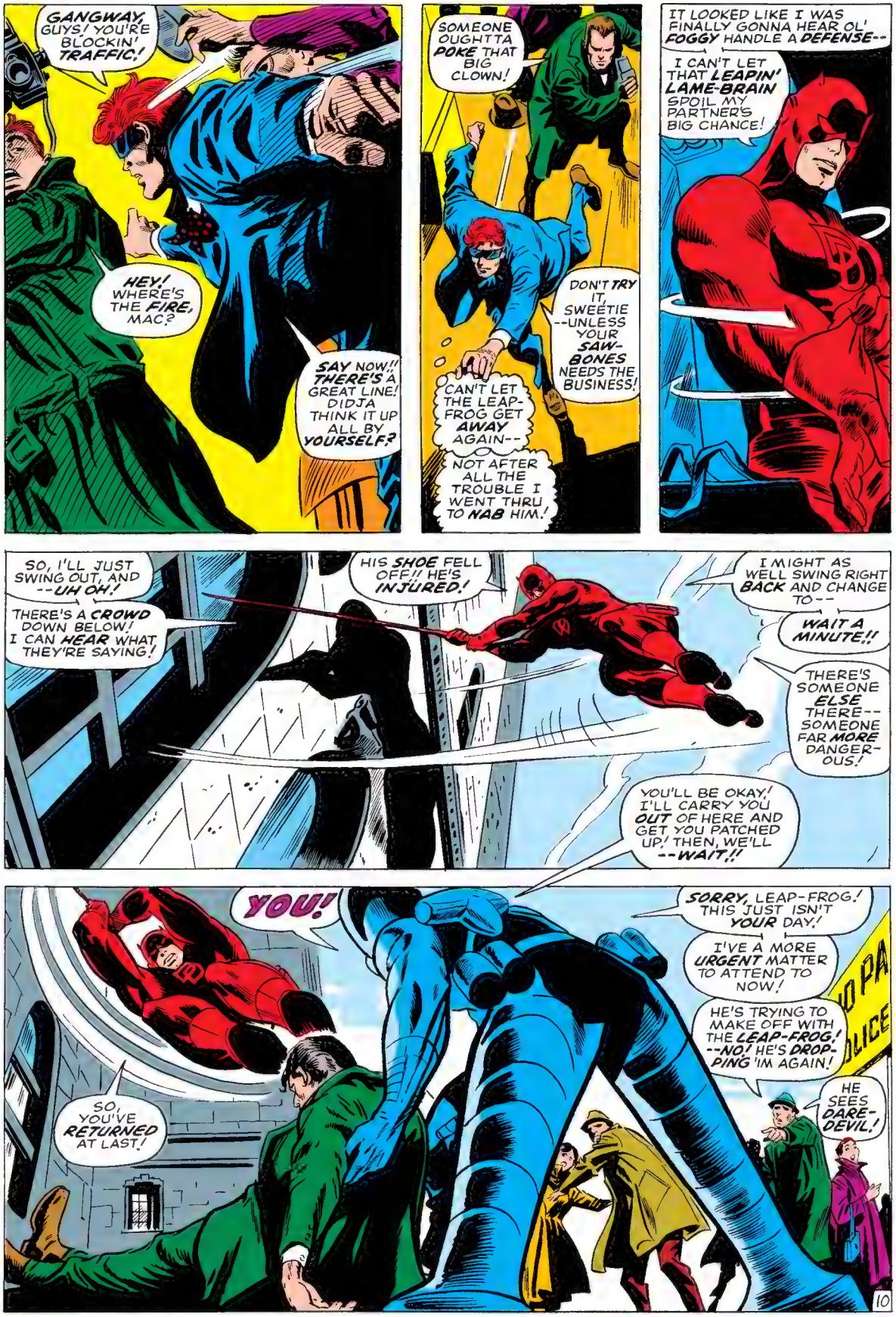
GANGWAY, GUYS! YOU'RE BLOCKIN' TRAFFIC!
HEY! WHERE'S THE FIRE, MAC?
SAY NOW!! THERE'S A GREAT LINE! DIDJA THINK IT UP ALL BY YOURSELF?
SOMEONE OUGHTTA POKE THAT BIG CLOWN!
DON'T TRY IT, SWEETIE --UNLESS YOUR SAW-BONES NEEDS THE BUSINESS!
CAN'T LET THE LEAP-FROG GET AWAY AGAIN--
NOT AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE I WENT THRU TO NAB HIM!
IT LOOKED LIKE I WAS FINALLY GONNA HEAR OL' FOGGY HANDLE A DEFENSE--
I CAN'T LET THAT LEAPIN' LAME-BRAIN SPOIL MY PARTNER'S BIG CHANCE!
SO, I'LL JUST SWING OUT, AND --UH OH!
THERE'S A CROWD DOWN BELOW! I CAN HEAR WHAT THEY'RE SAYING!
HIS SHOE FELL OFF!! HE'S INJURED!
I MIGHT AS WELL SWING RIGHT BACK AND CHANGE TO--
WAIT A MINUTE!!
THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE THERE-- SOMEONE FAR MORE DANGER-OUS!
YOU'LL BE OKAY! I'LL CARRY YOU OUT OF HERE AND GET YOU PATCHED UP! THEN, WE'LL --WAIT!!
YOU!
SORRY, LEAP-FROG! THIS JUST ISN'T YOUR DAY!
I'VE A MORE URGENT MATTER TO ATTEND TO NOW!
HE'S TRYING TO MAKE OFF WITH THE LEAP-FROG! --NO! HE'S DROP-PING 'IM AGAIN!
HE SEES DARE-DEVIL!
SO, YOU'VE RETURNED AT LAST!
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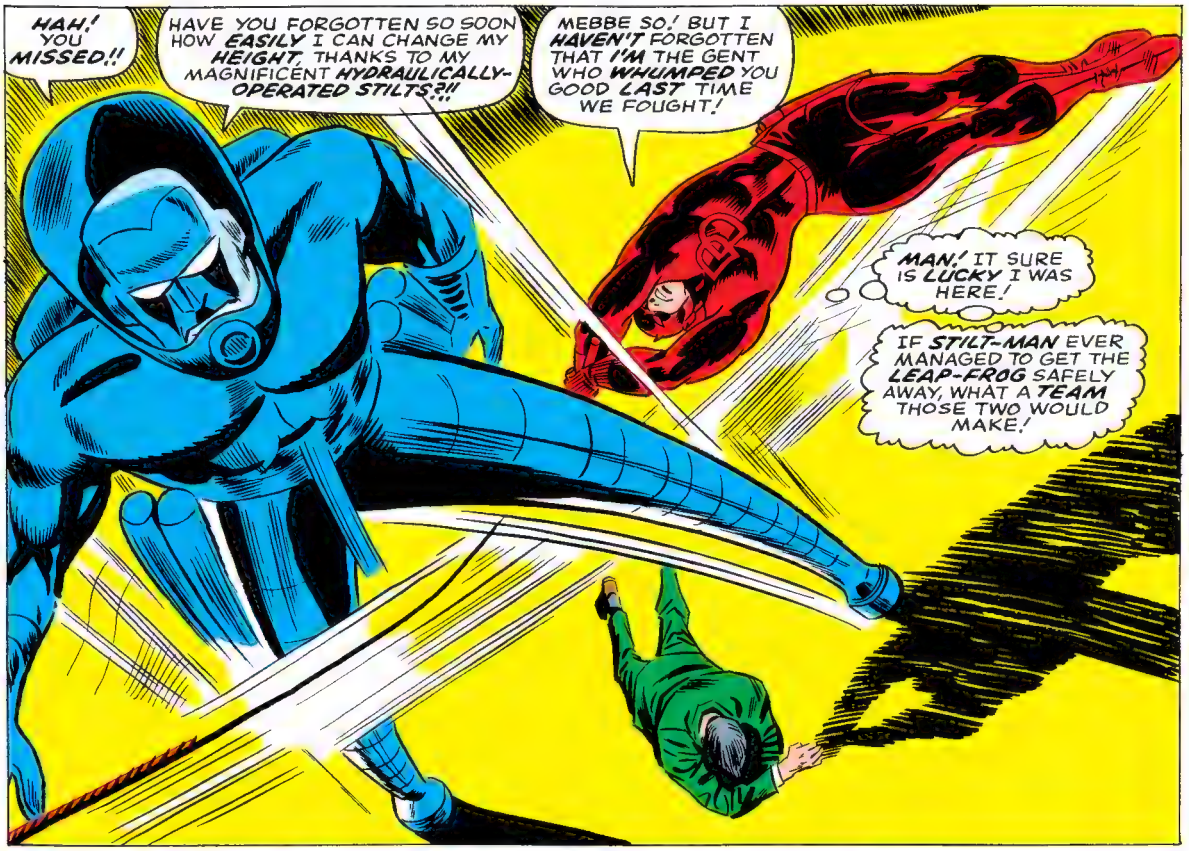

HAH! YOU MISSED!!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN SO SOON HOW EASILY I CAN CHANGE MY HEIGHT, THANKS TO MY MAGNIFICENT HYDRAULICALLY-OPERATED STILTS?!!
MEBBE SO, BUT I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT I'M THE GENT WHO WHUMPED YOU GOOD LAST TIME WE FOUGHT!
MAN! IT SURE IS LUCKY I WAS HERE!
IF STILT-MAN EVER MANAGED TO GET THE LEAP-FROG SAFELY AWAY, WHAT A TEAM THOSE TWO WOULD MAKE!

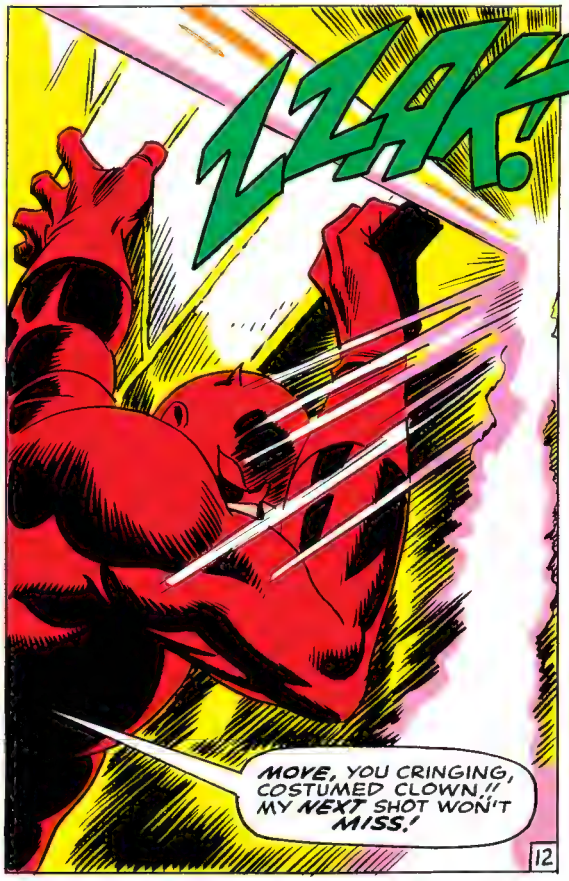
BUT, I HEAR THE BOYS IN BLUE HAULING THAT HUMAN JUMPING JACK RIGHT NOW!
WHICH MEANS STILTY AND I CAN GO IT ALONE!
HEADS UP, DAD! IT'S TIME FOR FUN 'N GAMES AGAIN!

HAH! DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO SEIZE YOUR CABLE, DID YOU?
I SHOULD HAVE WARNED YOU, LITTLE MAN--I'VE MODIFIED MY PROTECTIVE ARMOR IN SUCH A WAY AS TO DOUBLE MY STRENGTH!
WHICH MEANS I'M MORE THAN A MATCH FOR YOUR LIMITED TALENTS!!

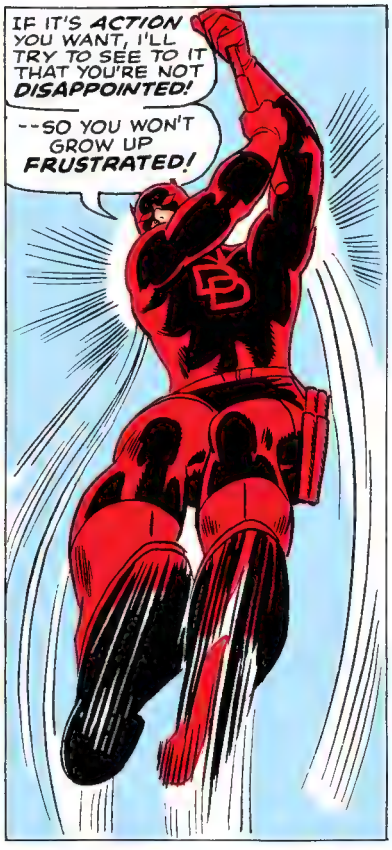
THOP!
AND, IN CASE YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME--!
-UNHHH!- I BELIEVE YOU! I BELIEVE YOU!

WHEW! WHERE WOULD I BE WITHOUT THESE LOVELY LITTLE LEDGES TO CLING TO?
I'VE GOTTA HANG LOOSE FOR A COUPLE'A SECS UNTIL I GET MY BREATH BACK!
BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT DADDY LONG LEGS OVER THERE ISN'T ABOUT TO WAIT!

AND, IT SEEMS THAT OL' FEARLESS IS A MIGHTY GOOD FORTUNE-TELLER--
COME NOW, MASKED MAN! SURELY YOU DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT THE CROWD GATHERED BELOW!
THEY'VE COME TO EXPECT A BETTER PERFORMANCE THAN THAT FROM THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
IT DIDN'T FIGURE THAT THE SENSATIONAL STILT-MAN WOULD REAPPEAR WEAPONLESS, DID IT?


ZZAK!
MOVE, YOU CRINGING, COSTUMED CLOWN!! MY NEXT SHOT WON'T MISS!

IF THERE'S ONE THING THAT BUGS ME, IT'S A FELLA WHO TALKS NASTY!
SO, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TEACH YOU WHAT HAPPENS TO BOATSFUL BADDIES WHO ACT IMPOLITE TO US GOOD GUYS--!

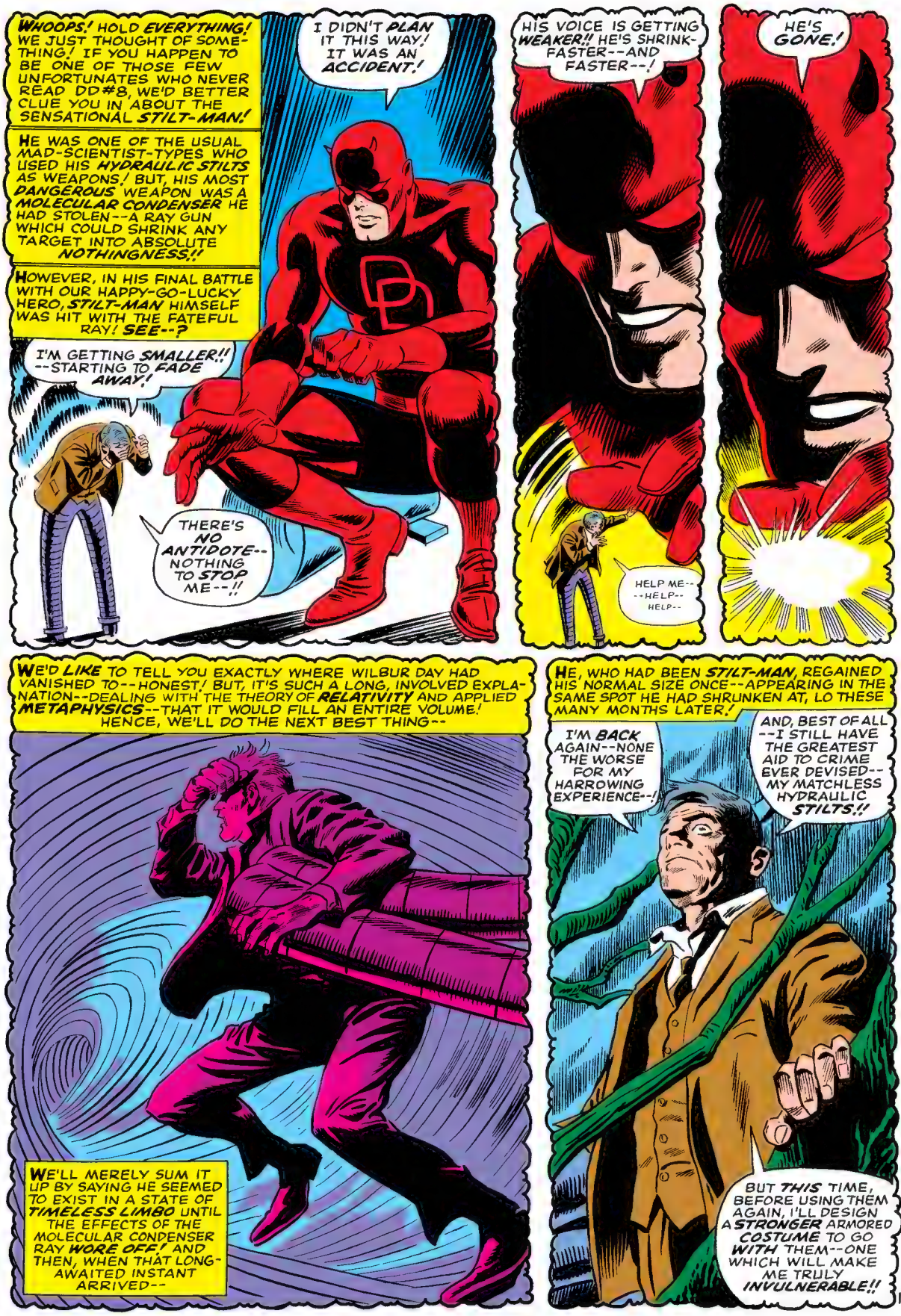

IF IT'S ACTION YOU WANT, I'LL TRY TO SEE TO IT THAT YOU'RE NOT DISAPPOINTED!
--SO YOU WON'T GROW UP FRUSTRATED!

AFTER ALL, YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH PROBLEMS GOIN' FOR YOU NOW!
YOK!

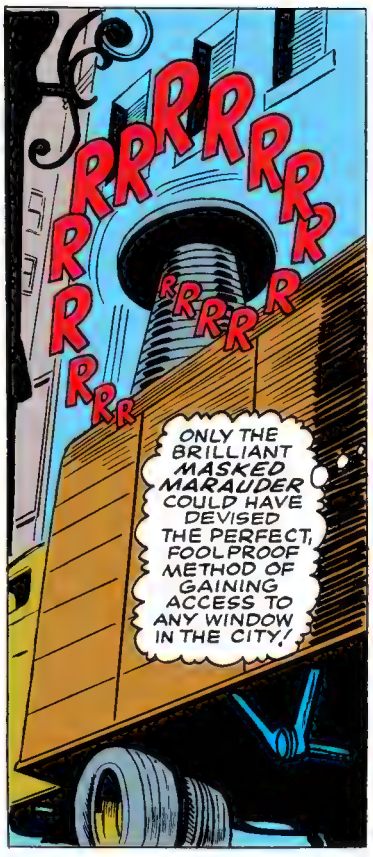
YOU CAN'T DEFEAT ME THAT EASILY, DAREDEVIL! MY PROTECTIVE GARB IS MUCH TOO STRONG!

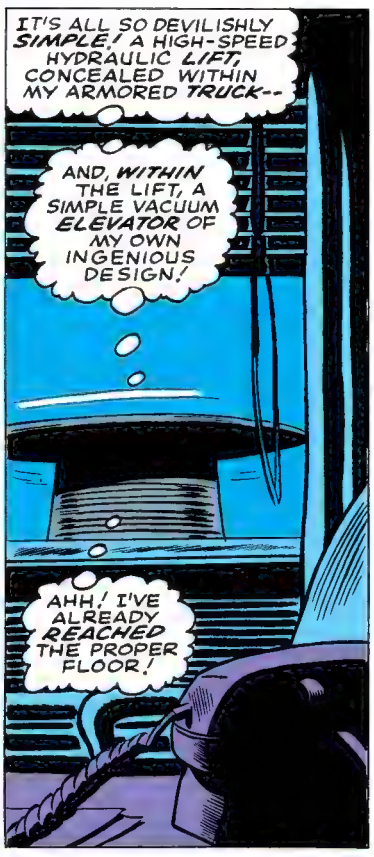
DEFEAT YOU?
HEAVENS TO HARRIET-- WHO'D WANNA DO THAT?
--I'LL GIVE YOU THREE GUESSES!
ZOP!

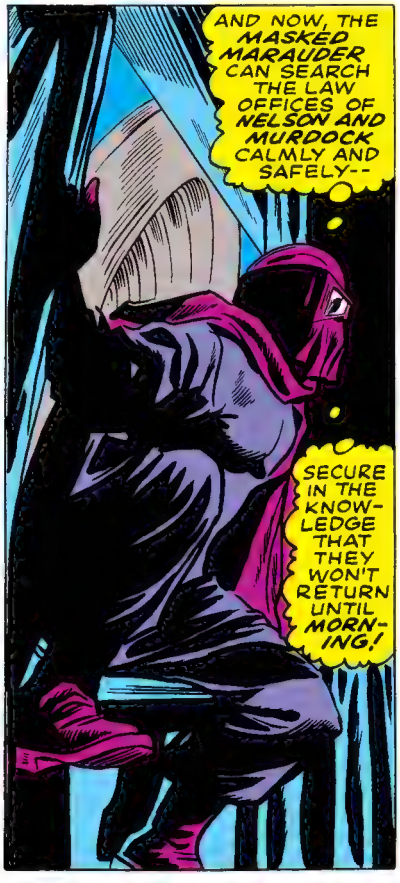
FORGIVE ME FOR ACTING LIKE A ROUGHNECK, OL' BUDDY--
BUT SOMEBODY'S GOTTA SHAKE YOU LOOSE FROM THAT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR OF YOURS!
SPOK
SPECIAL MEDICAL NOTE: ONE OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS OF BATTLING A SUPER-HERO IS--EVEN IF YOU SURVIVE THE ENSUING MAYHEM, THERE'S ALWAYS THE CHANCE OF INCURRING A KING-SIZED HEADACHE FROM THE SOUND EFFECTS! --SYMPATHETIC STAN.
AND NOW, BACK TO OUR FANTASY-FRAUGHT FUN-FEST--


WHOOPS! HOLD EVERYTHING! WE JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING! IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE ONE OF THOSE FEW UNFORTUNATES WHO NEVER READ DD#8, WE'D BETTER CLUE YOU IN ABOUT THE SENSATIONAL STILT-MAN!
HE WAS ONE OF THE USUAL MAD-SCIENTIST-TYPES WHO USED HIS HYDRAULIC STILTS AS WEAPONS! BUT, HIS MOST DANGEROUS WEAPON WAS A MOLECULAR CONDENSER HE HAD STOLEN--A RAY GUN WHICH COULD SHRINK ANY TARGET INTO ABSOLUTE NOTHINGNESS!!
HOWEVER, IN HIS FINAL BATTLE WITH OUR HAPPY-GO-LUCKY HERO, STILT-MAN HIMSELF WAS HIT WITH THE FATEFUL RAY! SEE--?
I DIDN'T PLAN IT THIS WAY! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
I'M GETTING SMALLER!! --STARTING TO FADE AWAY!
THERE'S NO ANTIDOTE-- NOTHING TO STOP ME--!!
HIS VOICE IS GETTING WEAKER!! HE'S SHRINK-FASTER--AND FASTER--!
HELP ME-- --HELP-- HELP--
HE'S GONE!
WE'D LIKE TO TELL YOU EXACTLY WHERE WILBUR DAY HAD VANISHED TO--HONEST! BUT, IT'S SUCH A LONG, INVOLVED EXPLANATION--DEALING WITH THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY AND APPLIED METAPHYSICS--THAT IT WOULD FILL AN ENTIRE VOLUME! HENCE, WE'LL DO THE NEXT BEST THING--
WE'LL MERELY SUM IT UP BY SAYING HE SEEMED TO EXIST IN A STATE OF TIMELESS LIMBO UNTIL THE EFFECTS OF THE MOLECULAR CONDENSER RAY WORE OFF! AND THEN, WHEN THAT LONG-AWAITED INSTANT ARRIVED--
HE, WHO HAD BEEN STILT-MAN, REGAINED HIS NORMAL SIZE ONCE--APPEARING IN THE SAME SPOT HE HAD SHRUNKEN AT, LO THESE MANY MONTHS LATER!
I'M BACK AGAIN--NONE THE WORSE FOR MY HARROWING EXPERIENCE--!
AND, BEST OF ALL --I STILL HAVE THE GREATEST AID TO CRIME EVER DEVISED-- MY MATCHLESS HYDRAULIC STILTS!!
BUT THIS TIME, BEFORE USING THEM AGAIN, I'LL DESIGN A STRONGER ARMORED COSTUME TO GO WITH THEM--ONE WHICH WILL MAKE ME TRULY INVULNERABLE!!

HOWEVER, BEFORE RETURNING TO OUR SCENE OF COMBAT, THERE IS STILL ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL BE OF MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST TO ALL TRUE BELIEVERS--
ONCE I TURN THE CORNER, I'LL BE THERE!
SKREEEEE
AT THIS LATE HOUR, IN THE SHADOWS OF THE DARKENED SIDE-STREET, THERE'LL BE NO ONE TO SEE ME!


RRRRRRRRRRRRRR
ONLY THE BRILLIANT MASKED MARAUDER COULD HAVE DEVISED THE PERFECT, FOOLPROOF METHOD OF GAINING ACCESS TO ANY WINDOW IN THE CITY!

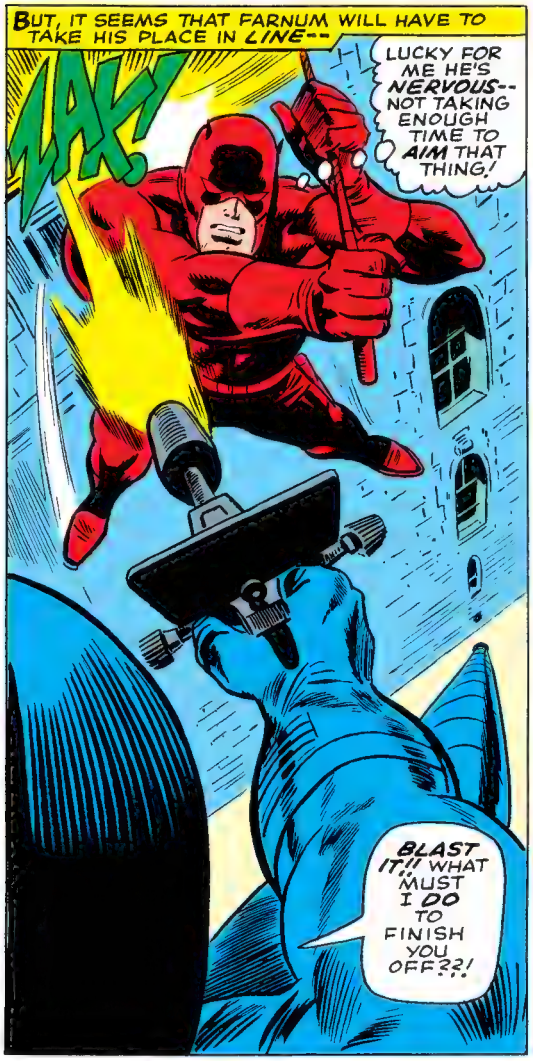

IT'S ALL SO DEVILISHLY SIMPLE! A HIGH-SPEED HYDRAULIC LIFT, CONCEALED WITHIN MY ARMORED TRUCK--
AND, WITHIN THE LIFT, A SIMPLE VACUUM ELEVATOR OF MY OWN INGENIOUS DESIGN!
AHH! I'VE ALREADY REACHED THE PROPER FLOOR!


AND NOW, THE MASKED MARAUDER CAN SEARCH THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK CALMLY AND SAFELY--
SECURE IN THE KNOW-LEDGE THAT THEY WON'T RETURN UNTIL MORN-ING!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH RUN-INS WITH DAREDEVIL IN THE PAST TO KNOW, BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT, THAT THERE'S SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN MY COSTUMED ENEMY AND NELSON AND MURDOCK!
NOW, WHEN DAREDEVIL LEAST EXPECTS IT, THE TIME HAS COME TO ATTACK HIM ONCE MORE!
AND, IF I CAN JUST LEARN HIS TRUE IDENTITY, I'LL BE ABLE TO STRIKE WHERE HE'S WEAKEST!!
IF ONLY I COULD FIND SOME CLUE HERE--!

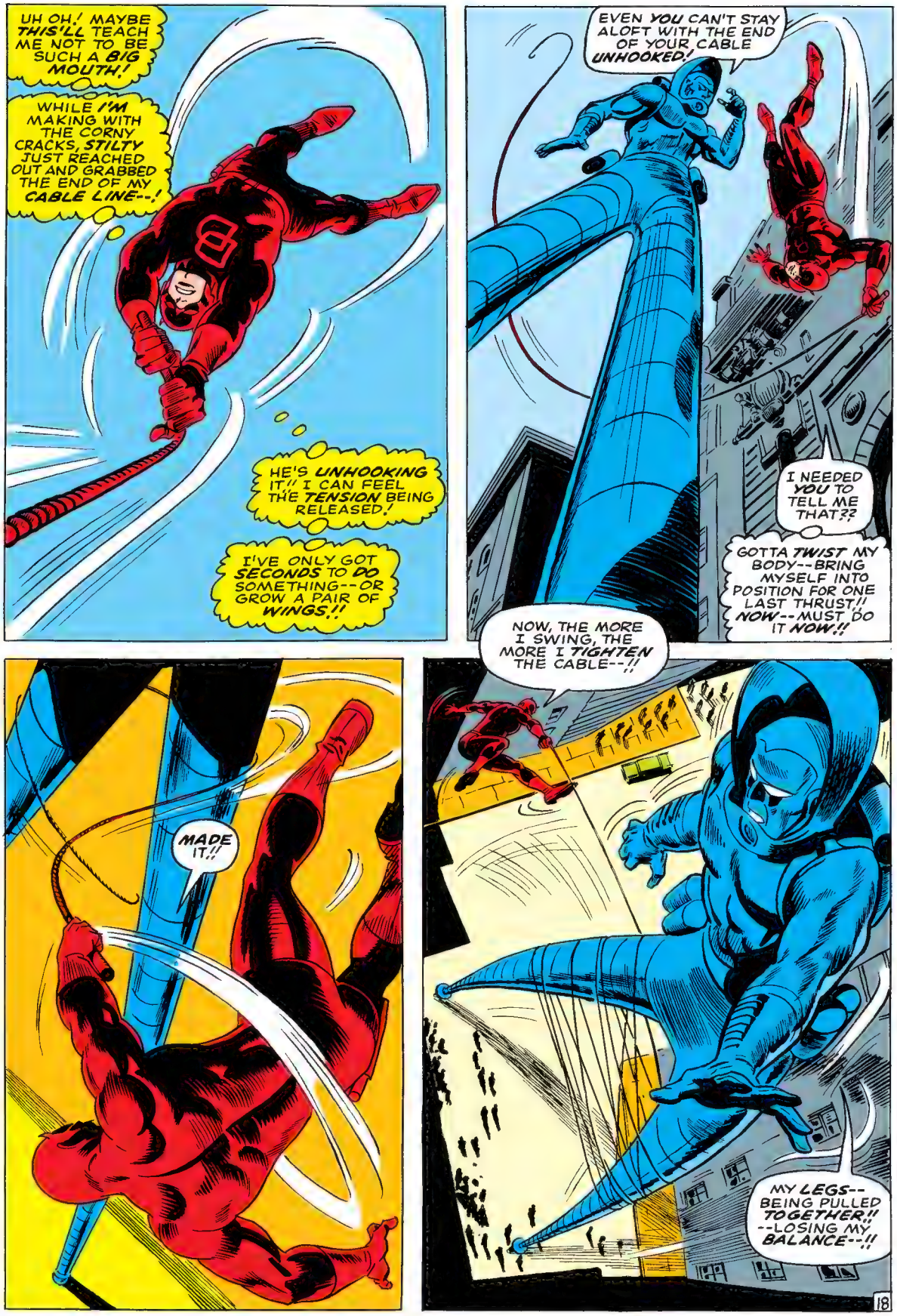
HE CAN'T BE FOGGY NELSON! NELSON'S TOO SOFT, TOO FLABBY!
AND HE COULD NEVER BE A BLIND MAN, LIKE MURDOCK!
BUT, I'M SURE THAT THEY KNOW WHO HE IS--!
PERHAPS THERE'S A NOTE--JUST A CARELESS LINE--OR A RANDOM PHRASE--!
I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT!!

BUT, AFTER MORE THAN AN HOUR OF CAREFUL SEARCHING--
IT'S NO USE! THERE'S NOTHING HERE! I'LL HAVE TO THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!
I'LL CONTACT MY MEN IN THE TRUCK, THRU MY HELMET MIKE--
LOWER THE LIFT! RETURN TO HOME BASE! I'LL REMAIN HERE! THAT IS ALL!


BUT, IT SEEMS THAT FARNUM WILL HAVE TO TAKE HIS PLACE IN LINE--
ZAK!
LUCKY FOR ME HE'S NERVOUS-- NOT TAKING ENOUGH TIME TO AIM THAT THING!
BLAST IT!! WHAT MUST I DO TO FINISH YOU OFF??!

THEN, AS THE MALEVOLENT MASKED MARAUDER CALMLY REMOVES HIS UNIQUE, ELABORATELY-OUTFITTED HELMET, ONLY THE SILENT SHADOWS WITHIN THE DESERTED OFFICE ARE WITNESS TO THE FACT THAT THE FEATURES OF FRANK FARNUM, THE BUILDING'S EVER-PRESENT MANAGER, ARE THUS REVEALED--!*
NO NEED FOR ME TO ACCOMPANY THE TRUCK AGAIN! I'LL MERELY REMOVE MY OUTFIT AND RETURN TO MY NORMAL IDENTITY-- REMAINING IN THIS BUILDING, WHERE I BELONG!
AND, I'LL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE NELSON AND MURDOCK-- WAITING UNTIL DAREDEVIL CONTACTS THEM AGAIN!
I CAN AFFORD TO BE PATIENT; FOR, NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, SOONER OR LATER THE MASKED MARAUDER SHALL FIND AND DESTROY THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
*WE DON'T REALLY EXPECT YOU TO BE TOO SURPRISED, FAITHFUL ONE, SINCE HE'S ABOUT THE ONLY SUSPECT WE'VE HANDED YOU ALL THESE MONTHS --JUST TO SEE IF YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION.! --SINGLE-MINDED STAN.

EVER TRY WISHING ON A STAR?
IT DID WONDERS FOR SNOW WHITE!
AWW! SORRY I MADE YOU DROP YOUR RAY GIZMO! BUT, DON'T DESPAIR--
YOU CAN ALWAYS TRY CALLING ME NASTY NAMES!


UH OH! MAYBE THIS'LL TEACH ME NOT TO BE SUCH A BIG MOUTH!
WHILE I'M MAKING WITH THE CORNY CRACKS, STILTY JUST REACHED OUT AND GRABBED THE END OF MY CABLE LINE--!
HE'S UNHOOKING IT!! I CAN FEEL THE TENSION BEING RELEASED!
I'VE ONLY GOT SECONDS TO DO SOMETHING--OR GROW A PAIR OF WINGS!!
EVEN YOU CAN'T STAY ALOFT WITH THE END OF YOUR CABLE UNHOOKED!
I NEEDED YOU TO TELL ME THAT??
GOTTA TWIST MY BODY--BRING MYSELF INTO POSITION FOR ONE LAST THRUST!! NOW--MUST DO IT NOW!!
NOW, THE MORE I SWING, THE MORE I TIGHTEN THE CABLE--!!
MADE IT!!
MY LEGS--BEING PULLED TOGETHER!! --LOSING MY BALANCE--!!
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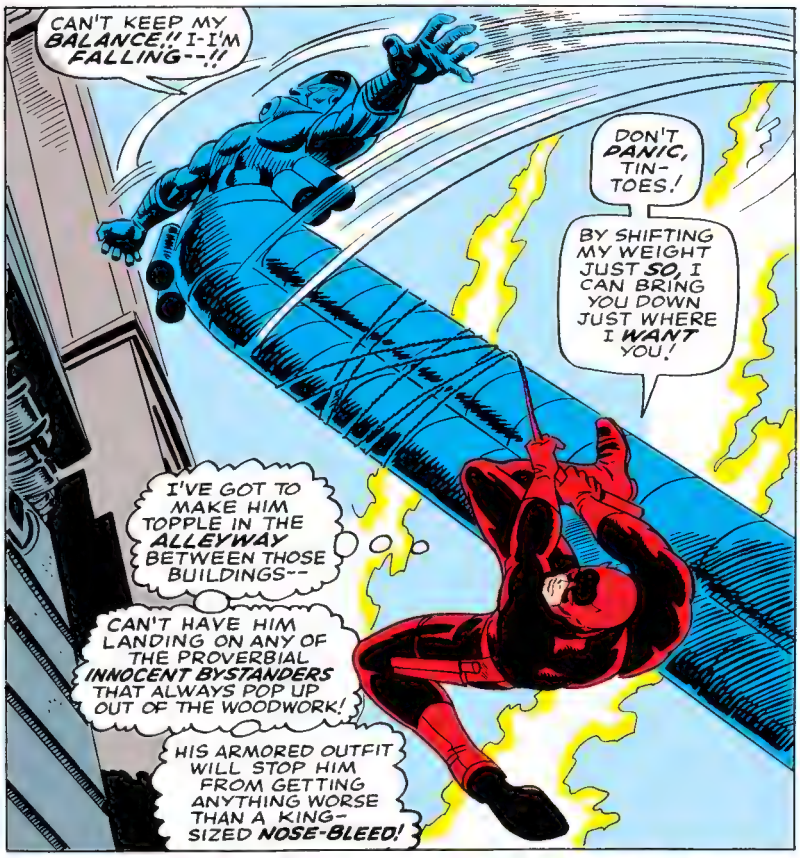
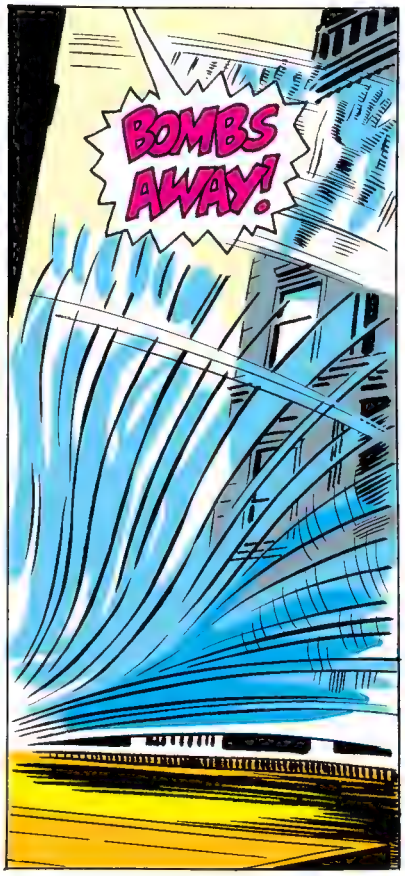
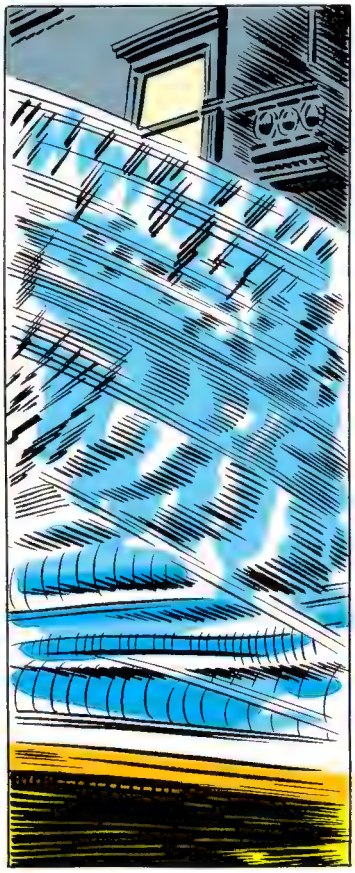
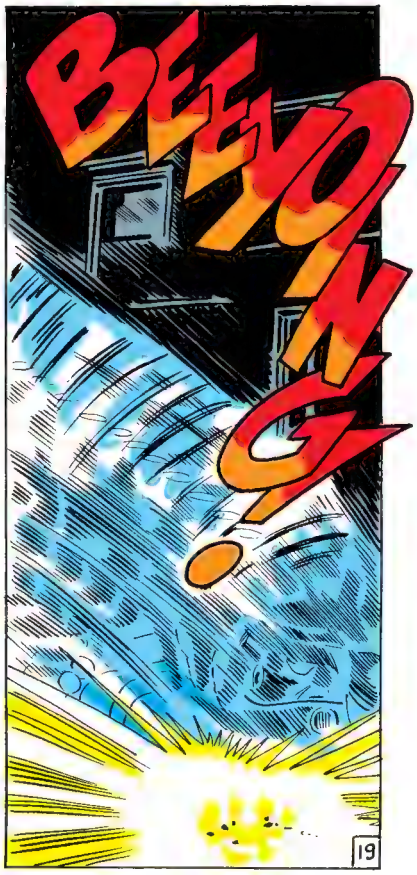
NOW-- ONE FINAL YANK OUGHTTA DO IT!

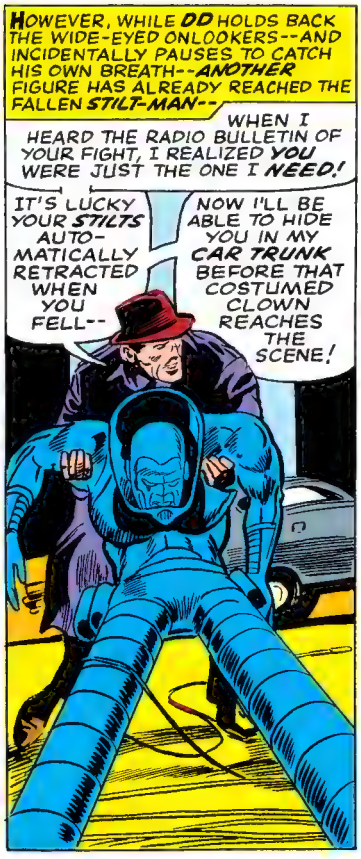

CAN'T KEEP MY BALANCE!! I-I'M FALLING--!!
DON'T PANIC, TIN-TOES!
BY SHIFTING MY WEIGHT JUST SO, I CAN BRING YOU DOWN JUST WHERE I WANT YOU!
I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM TOPPLE IN THE ALLEYWAY BETWEEN THOSE BUILDINGS--
CAN'T HAVE HIM LANDING ON ANY OF THE PROVERBIAL INNOCENT BYSTANDERS THAT ALWAYS POP UP OUT OF THE WOODWORK!
HIS ARMORED OUTFIT WILL STOP HIM FROM GETTING ANYTHING WORSE THAN A KING-SIZED NOSE-BLEED!


BOMBS AWAY!



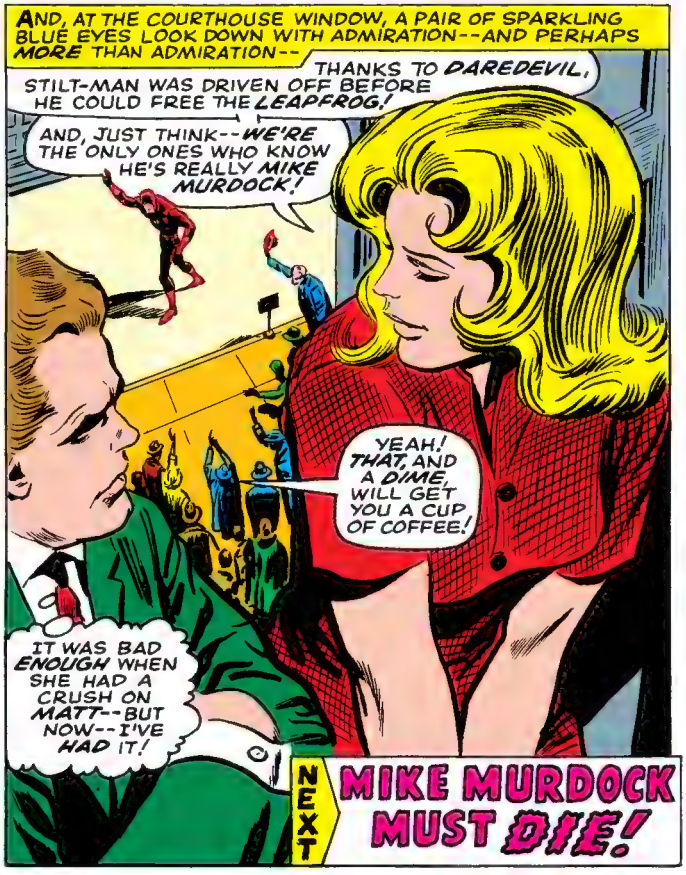

BEYONG!

SECONDS LATER--
STAY BACK, AVERAGE TYPICAL CROWD OF PASSERSBY!
IF STILT-MAN IS STILL CONSCIOUS, HE MIGHT BE MORE DANGEROUS THAN EVER!
SO, LET YOUR EVER-DUTIFUL, DEATH-DEFYING DAREDEVIL BE THE FIRST TO TURN THE CORNER AND CHECK OUT THE ALLEY!


HOWEVER, WHILE DD HOLDS BACK THE WIDE-EYED ONLOOKERS--AND INCIDENTALLY PAUSES TO CATCH HIS OWN BREATH--ANOTHER FIGURE HAS ALREADY REACHED THE FALLEN STILT-MAN--
WHEN I HEARD THE RADIO BULLETIN OF YOUR FIGHT, I REALIZED YOU WERE JUST THE ONE I NEED!
IT'S LUCKY YOUR STILTS AUTO-MATICALLY RETRACTED WHEN YOU FELL--
NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO HIDE YOU IN MY CAR TRUNK BEFORE THAT COSTUMED CLOWN REACHES THE SCENE!

I DID IT! HE'S SAFELY LOCKED INSIDE THE--OH! DAREDEVIL!
STILT-MAN'S GONE! HE MUST HAVE RECOVERED JUST SECONDS AGO!
FARNUM!! GET THAT CAR OUT OF HERE, MAN! THIS AREA IS DANGER-OUS!
STILT-MAN IS ON THE LOOSE! SO TAKE OFF, MISTER!
HE CALLED ME BY NAME! HE KNOWS ME!

HE APPEARED SO SUDDENLY! CAN HE BE--? NO! HIS HEARTBEAT IS DIFFERENT! HE'S NOT LONG-LEGS!
THANKS FOR THE WARNING, DAREDEVIL!
I'M A LOT MORE GRATEFUL THAN YOU SUSPECT, YOU FOOL!
NOW I'M CERTAIN HIS REAL IDENTITY IS THAT OF SOMEONE I KNOW!
ALL I NEED DO IS KEEP THE OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK UNDER OBSERVATION --AND THEN--
SOONER OR LATER, STILT-MAN AND I WILL HAVE HIM!


AND, AT THE COURTHOUSE WINDOW, A PAIR OF SPARKLING BLUE EYES LOOK DOWN WITH ADMIRATION--AND PERHAPS MORE THAN ADMIRATION--
THANKS TO DAREDEVIL, STILT-MAN WAS DRIVEN OFF BEFORE HE COULD FREE THE LEAPFROG!
AND, JUST THINK--WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW HE'S REALLY MIKE MURDOCK!
YEAH! THAT, AND A DIME, WILL GET YOU A CUP OF COFFEE!
IT WAS BAD ENOUGH WHEN SHE HAD A CRUSH ON MATT--BUT NOW--I'VE HAD IT!
NEXT
MIKE MURDOCK MUST DIE!

HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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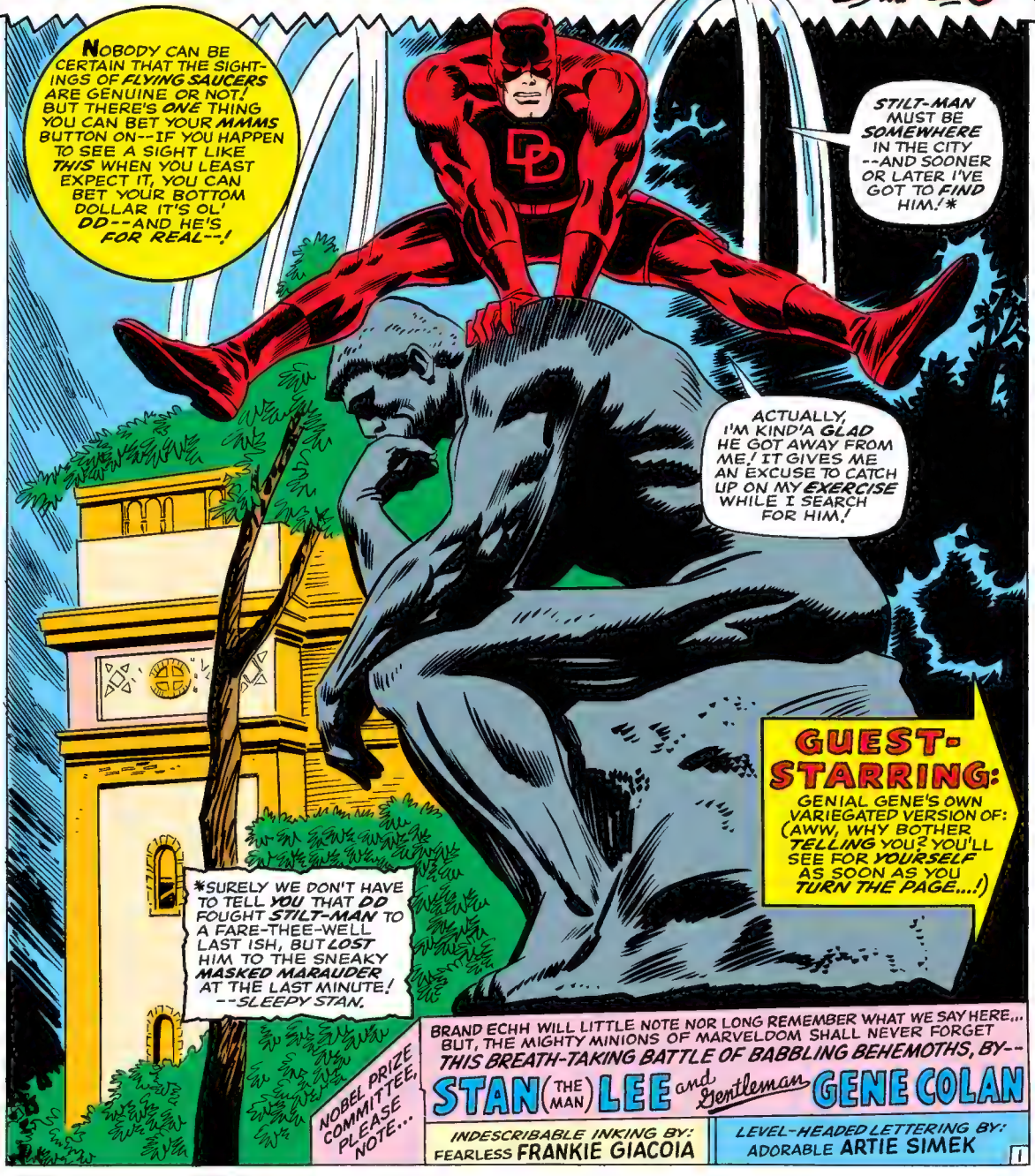
GUEST-STARRING: THE ONE, THE ONLY, THE INIMITABLE SPIDER-MAN!
WHO'S AFRAID OF STILT-MAN?
FEATURING THE HONEST-TO-GOSH END OF THE MASKED MARAUDER!
FOGGY! WHAT CAN WE DO?
WELL, WE CAN ALWAYS RESORT TO SHEER PANIC!
AND HOW ABOUT OUR TITANIC TITLE?
"MIKE MURDOCK MUST DIE!"

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

"MIKE MURDOCK MUST DIE!"


NOBODY CAN BE CERTAIN THAT THE SIGHTINGS OF FLYING SAUCERS ARE GENUINE OR NOT! BUT THERE'S ONE THING YOU CAN BET YOUR MMMS BUTTON ON--IF YOU HAPPEN TO SEE A SIGHT LIKE THIS WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT, YOU CAN BET YOUR BOTTOM DOLLAR IT'S OL' DD--AND HE'S FOR REAL--!
STILT-MAN MUST BE SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY --AND SOONER OR LATER I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!*
ACTUALLY, I'M KIND'A GLAD HE GOT AWAY FROM ME! IT GIVES ME AN EXCUSE TO CATCH UP ON MY EXERCISE WHILE I SEARCH FOR HIM!
GUEST-STARRING: GENIAL GENE'S OWN VARIEGATED VERSION OF: (AWW, WHY BOTHER TELLING YOU? YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELF AS SOON AS YOU TURN THE PAGE....!)
*SURELY WE DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT DD FOUGHT STILT-MAN TO A FARE-THEE-WELL LAST ISH, BUT LOST HIM TO THE SNEAKY MASKED MARAUDER AT THE LAST MINUTE! --SLEEPY STAN.
NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE...

BRAND ECHH WILL LITTLE NOTE NOR LONG REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY HERE... BUT, THE MIGHTY MINIONS OF MARVELDOM SHALL NEVER FORGET THIS BREATH-TAKING BATTLE OF BABBLING BEHEMOTHS, BY--

STAN (THE MAN) LEE and Gentleman **GENE COLAN**

INDESCRIBABLE INKING BY: FEARLESS **FRANKIE GIACOIA**

LEVEL-HEADED LETTERING BY: ADORABLE **ARTIE SIMEK**

UH OH! SOUNDS LIKE A FIGHT DOWN THERE BELOW ME!
I HATE TO BE A SPOIL-SPORT, BUT--
I'D BETTER PUT ON THE BRAKES--
IT CAN'T BE STILT-MAN--
AND SEE WHAT'S SHAKIN' DOWN THERE!
'CAUSE I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING THAT SOUNDS LIKE METAL LEGS!
BUT, THINGS HAVE BEEN SLOW, SO I CAN'T BE TOO PARTICULAR!
IN THIS BUSINESS, YOU JUST TAKE YOUR ACTION AS IT COMES!
SAY! THAT VOICE ON THE STREET BENEATH ME! I'D KNOW IT ANYWHERE!
IT'S SPIDER-MAN!!
THREE TWO-BIT CAR THIEVES ATTACKING YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR-HOOD WALL-CRAWLER?!!
COME NOW, GENTS--YOU'VE JUST GOTTA BE KIDDING!
KIDDIN' ARE WE? LET'S GO, YOU GUYS-- WE CAN TAKE 'IM!
YEAH! HE AINT BUSTIN' UP OUR LITTLE CAPER!
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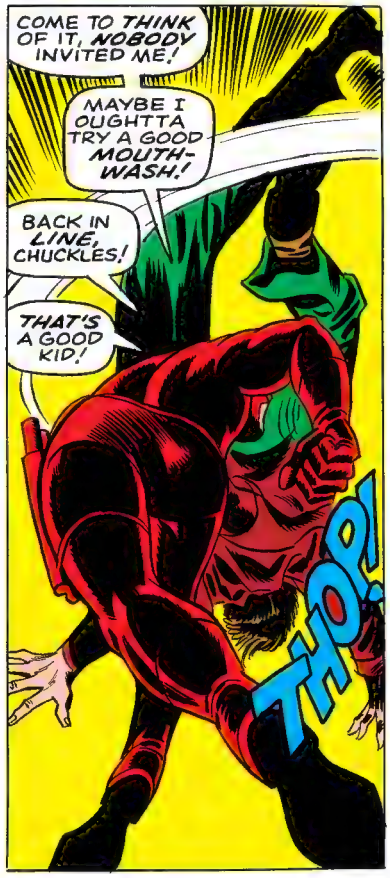
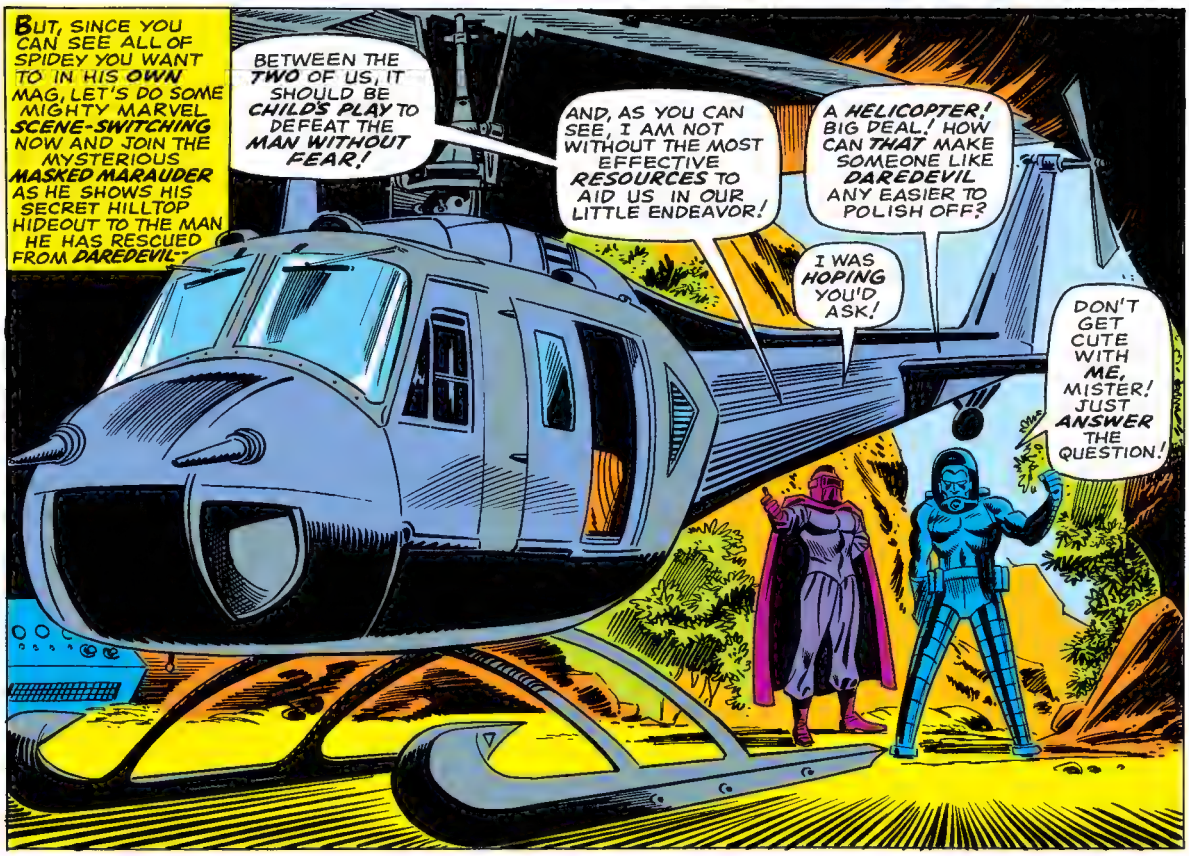
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THAT IT'S ONLY YOUR CAPER I'M SMASHING!
IF I DIDN'T TAKE THE TROUBLE TO PULL MY PUNCH, YOU'D BE GUMMIN' YOUR FOOD TILL THE COWS COME HOME!
BOK!

HEY, SPIDEY-- IS THIS A PRIVATE FIGHT --OR CAN ANY-BODY JOIN THE PARTY?
WHOOPS! SORRY ABOUT THAT, CHARLIE!
ZAK!
HORN-HEAD!! WHO INVITED YOU?
WHUMMPHH!


COME TO THINK OF IT, NOBODY INVITED ME!
MAYBE I OUGHTTA TRY A GOOD MOUTH-WASH!
BACK IN LINE, CHUCKLES!
THAT'S A GOOD KID!
THOP!

TELL ME SOME THING, SPIDEY--
SEEN ANYTHING OF A GUY CALLED STILT-MAN?
NO! NOW GET LOST, HUH?
SOMEONE MIGHT THINK IT TOOK TWO OF US TO LICK THREE PENNY-ANTE HOODS!

OKAY, WEB-HEAD-- YOU CAN TAKE THE CREDIT ALL FOR YOURSELF!
BUT, IF YOU HAPPEN TO RUN INTO A SINISTER SCHIZO ON METAL STILTS, SAVE HIM FOR ME, HUH?
WHAT'S WITH YOU, FELLA? DON'T YOU EVER SMILE?
HOW CAN YOU TELL I'M NOT SMILING--UNDER MY MASK?
OH, MATTHEW--YOU LEFT YOURSELF WIDE OPEN FOR THAT ONE!!
HOW DO YOU KNOW I HAVEN'T GOT X-RAY EYES?
IF THAT DOESN'T THROW HIM OFF THE TRAIL, NOTHING WILL!


BUT, SINCE YOU CAN SEE ALL OF SPIDEY YOU WANT TO IN HIS OWN MAG, LET'S DO SOME MIGHTY MARVEL SCENE-SWITCHING NOW AND JOIN THE MYSTERIOUS MASKED MARAUDER AS HE SHOWS HIS SECRET HILLTOP HIDEOUT TO THE MAN HE HAS RESCUED FROM DAREDEVIL--
BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, IT SHOULD BE CHILD'S PLAY TO DEFEAT THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
AND, AS YOU CAN SEE, I AM NOT WITHOUT THE MOST EFFECTIVE RESOURCES TO AID US IN OUR LITTLE ENDEAVOR!
A HELICOPTER! BIG DEAL! HOW CAN THAT MAKE SOMEONE LIKE DAREDEVIL ANY EASIER TO POLISH OFF?
I WAS HOPING YOU'D ASK!
DON'T GET CUTE WITH ME, MISTER! JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION!

I'LL BE GLAD TO ANSWER--JUST SO LONG AS YOU REMEMBER THAT IF NOT FOR ME YOU'D BE DAREDEVIL'S PRISONER BY NOW!
NOW--KINDLY OBSERVE HOW EASILY I ACTIVATE THE FORCE FIELD AROUND MY SHIP--!
FORCE FIELD!? WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SHOW YOU! IT'S MY LATEST--AND PERHAPS MY GREATEST WEAPON!
THERE! NOW THAT IT'S ACTIVATED, I'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION--!

I SUSPECT THAT YOU'LL BE MORE THAN EAGER TO ALLY YOURSELF WITH ME AFTER YOU SEE WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO THIS HEAVY METAL BOX!
LOOK--YOU HELPED ME GET AWAY FROM DAREDEVIL BEFORE! OKAY! I'M NOT COMPLAINING! SOMEDAY I'LL DO YOU A FAVOR, MAYBE! BUT, THAT'S THE END OF IT!
WHAT I HAVE TO DO I CAN DO BEST BY MYSELF! THE STILT-MAN DOESN'T NEED ANY PARTNERS!
IF YOU STILL FEEL THE SAME WAY AFTER THE NEXT MINUTE, YOU'RE FREE TO GO!
BUT, UNTIL THEN--JUST KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS--!

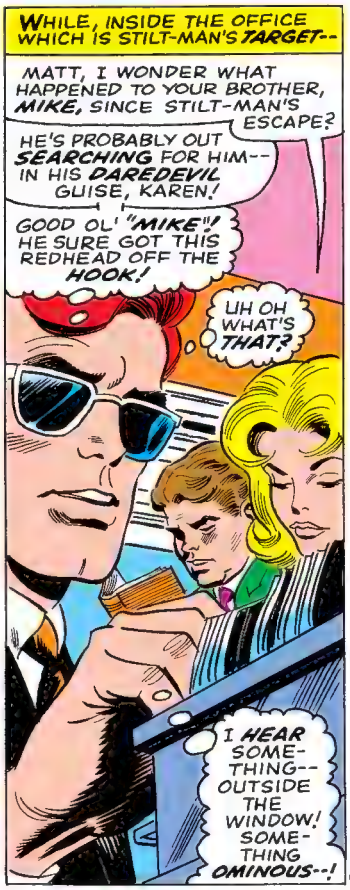
SO, YOU THINK THIS IS JUST AN ORDINARY HELICOPTER, EH?
JUST WATCH THE BOX--!
FZZPSST!
IT--IT DISINTEGRATED!
OH! YOU NOTICED?
STILL THINK WE SHOULDN'T TEAM UP?
OKAY, MASKED MAN--YOU SOLD ME A BILL OF GOODS!
NOW COME WITH ME-- I WANNA SHOW YOU SOME THING!
JUST SO YOU DON'T THINK THAT FORCE FIELD MAKES YOU TOP DOG, I'LL DEMONSTRATE MY POWER!
I AM FULLY AWARE OF WHAT YOUR STILTS CAN DO!
BUT YOU NEVER SAW THEM IN ACTION!
WAIT'LL I PRESS THIS CONTROL STUD--!
CLICK!
THANG!
WAS THIS FAST ENOUGH FOR YOU?
IT'S ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE!
YOUR STILTS MOVE FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW!!

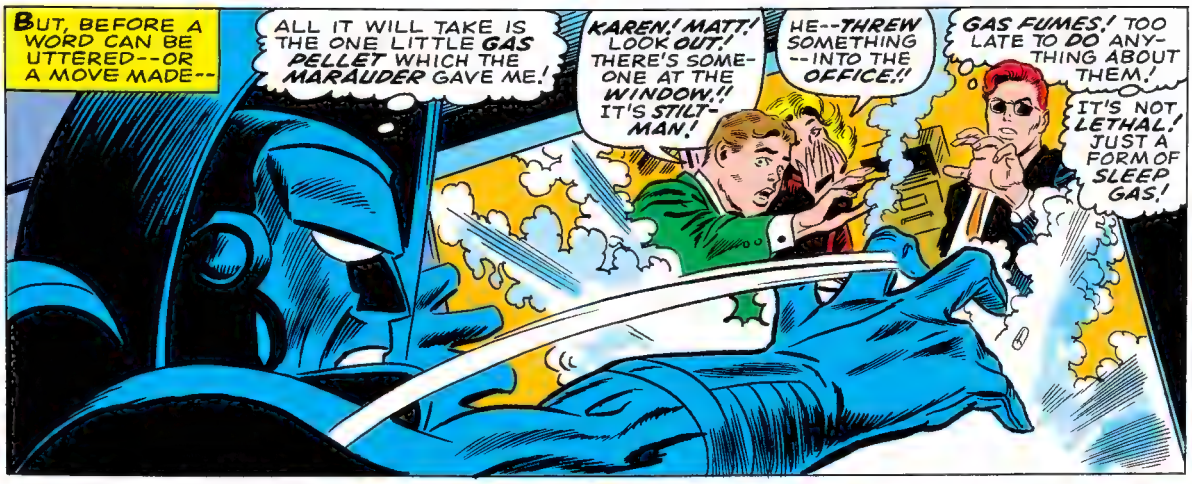
NOW DO YOU SEE WHY I'M NOT EXACTLY HELPLESS WITHOUT A PARTNER?!!
HOW DID DAREDEVIL EVER BEAT YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE?
JUST A LUCKY FLUKE! NEXT TIME WE MEET, I'LL WIPE HIM OFF THE FACE OF THE MAP!

NOW THAT'S THE ATTITUDE I LIKE!
WE'LL MAKE A GREAT TEAM, YOU AND I!
NOW, HERE'S MY PLAN--
I KNOW THERE'S SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN THE STAFF OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW-- AND DAREDEVIL HIMSELF!
I'M CONVINCED THAT EITHER MURDOCK, NELSON, OR THE GIRL KNOW THE REAL IDENTITY OF OUR MASKED ENEMY!
THUS, THE WAY FOR US TO LEARN IT IS SIMPLE--WE MERELY CAPTURE THEM ALL!
ONCE WE KNOW WHO THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR REALLY IS, IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE TO ATTACK HIM WHEN HE LEAST SUSPECTS IT!
NOW, THE FIRST THING WE'LL DO IS PAY A VISIT TO THAT OFFICE --TONIGHT--!

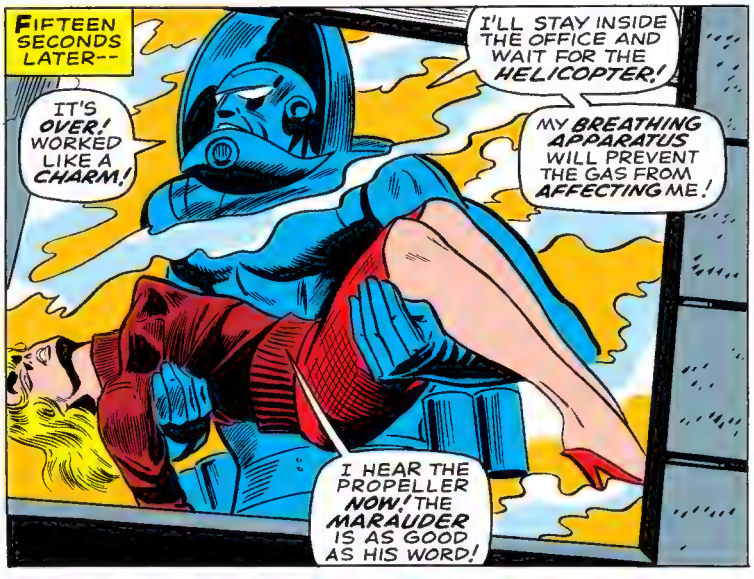
AND SO, SHORTLY AFTER SUNSET, ON A SHADOWY SIDE STREET, A STARTLING FIGURE OBSERVES ONE CERTAIN WINDOW--
THEY'RE WORKING OVERTIME TONIGHT! GOOD!

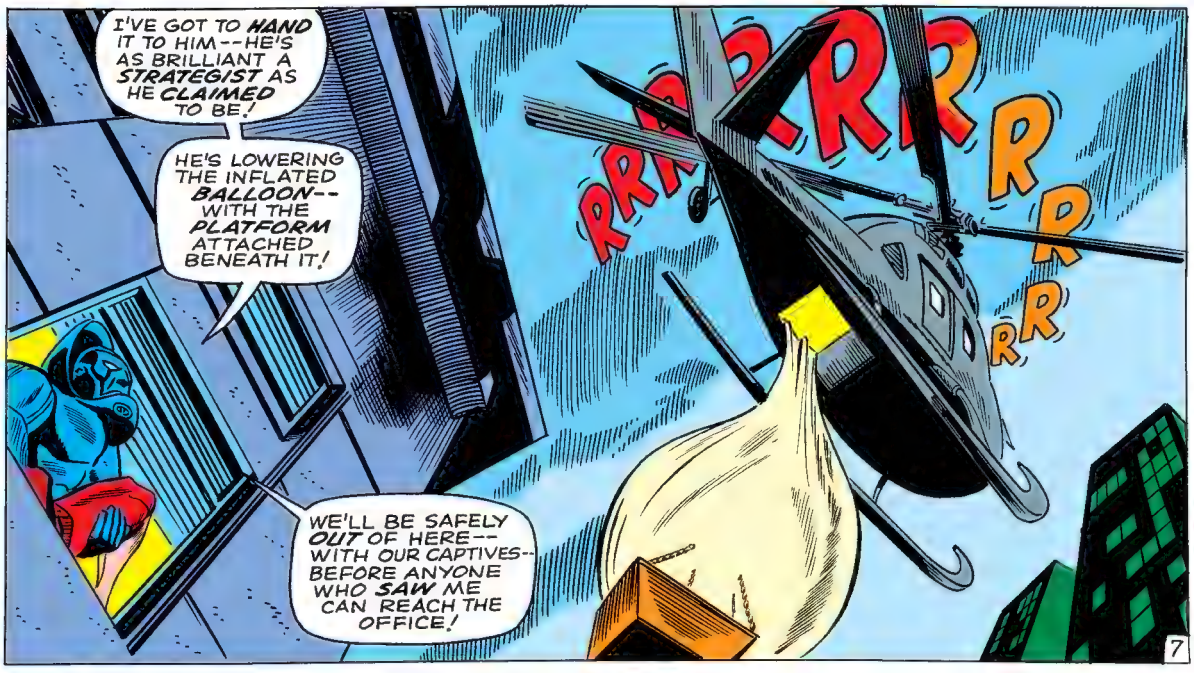
WITH SPLIT-SECOND TIMING, THE WHOLE THING SHOULD BE OVER IN LESS THAN A MINUTE!


WHILE, INSIDE THE OFFICE WHICH IS STILT-MAN'S TARGET--
MATT, I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR BROTHER, MIKE, SINCE STILT-MAN'S ESCAPE?
HE'S PROBABLY OUT SEARCHING FOR HIM-- IN HIS DAREDEVIL GUISE, KAREN!
GOOD OL' "MIKE"! HE SURE GOT THIS REDHEAD OFF THE HOOK!
UH OH WHAT'S THAT?
I HEAR SOME-THING-- OUTSIDE THE WINDOW! SOME-THING OMINOUS--!


BUT, BEFORE A WORD CAN BE UTTERED--OR A MOVE MADE--
ALL IT WILL TAKE IS THE ONE LITTLE GAS PELLET WHICH THE MARAUDER GAVE ME!
KAREN! MATT! LOOK OUT! THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE WINDOW!! IT'S STILT-MAN!
HE--THREW SOMETHING --INTO THE OFFICE!!
GAS FUMES! TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THEM!
IT'S NOT LETHAL! JUST A FORM OF SLEEP GAS!

SINCE MY SENSES -- INCLUDING THE SENSE OF SMELL--ARE SO HIGHLY DEVELOPED--I'LL BE FIRST--TO BE OVERCOME--!
HOW IRONIC!--I SEARCHED THE CITY FOR HIM--AND HE'S OUTSIDE-- OUR WINDOW--


FIFTEEN SECONDS LATER--
IT'S OVER! WORKED LIKE A CHARM!
I'LL STAY INSIDE THE OFFICE AND WAIT FOR THE HELICOPTER!
MY BREATHING APPARATUS WILL PREVENT THE GAS FROM AFFECTING ME!
I HEAR THE PROPELLER NOW! THE MARAUDER IS AS GOOD AS HIS WORD!


I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO HIM--HE'S AS BRILLIANT A STRATEGIST AS HE CLAIMED TO BE!
HE'S LOWERING THE INFLATED BALLOON-- WITH THE PLATFORM ATTACHED BENEATH IT!
WE'LL BE SAFELY OUT OF HERE-- WITH OUR CAPTIVES-- BEFORE ANYONE WHO SAW ME CAN REACH THE OFFICE!
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AND, WITHIN THE HOVERING SHIP--
SECURE ALL CARGO!
STAND AWAY! I'M HAULING UP PLATFORM--!
IT WENT LIKE CLOCKWORK--!
JUST AS ALL THE PLANS OF THE MASKED MARAUDER DO!
STILT-MAN, PREPARE TO RETRACT!
IT'S TIME TO LEAVE THE AREA!
OKAY! HAUL AWAY! WE GOT WHAT WE CAME FOR!
WHITT!
PERFECT! EVERYONE'S SAFELY ABOARD!
NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO ACTIVATE THE FORCE FIELD AGAIN!
DID YOU LEAVE THE NOTE FOR DAREDEVIL, AS PLANNED?
YEAH! RIGHT ON THE DESK WHERE HE CAN'T MISS IT!
I'LL JUST TIE OUR PIGEONS UP NOW--
THOUGH WE WON'T HAVETA WORRY ABOUT THE BLIND ONE!
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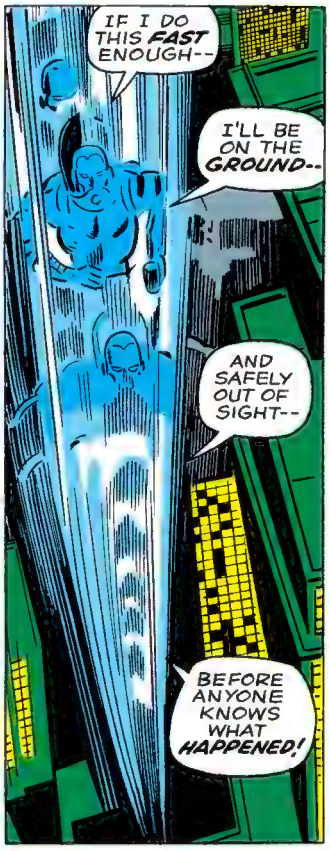
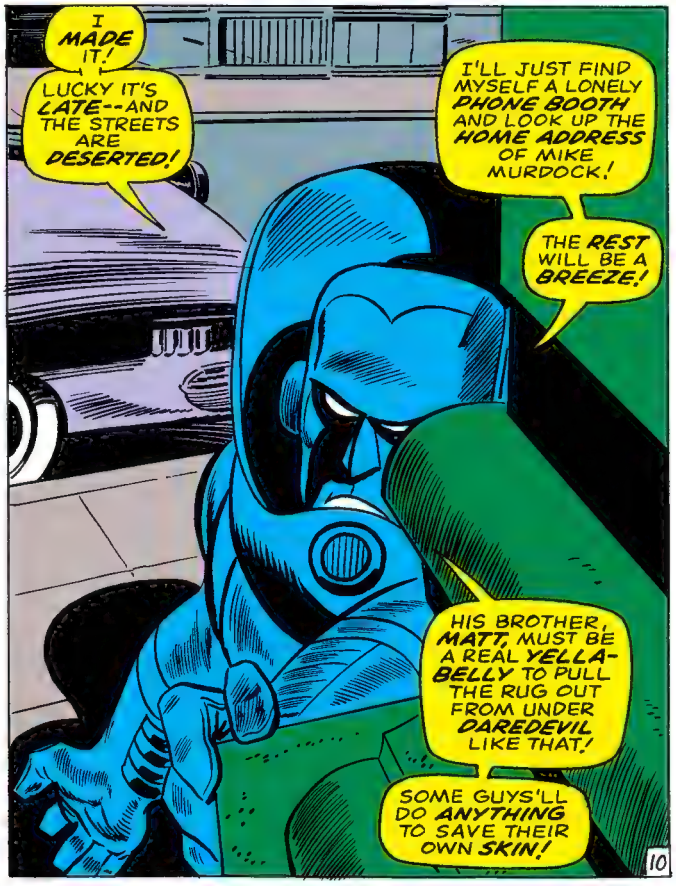
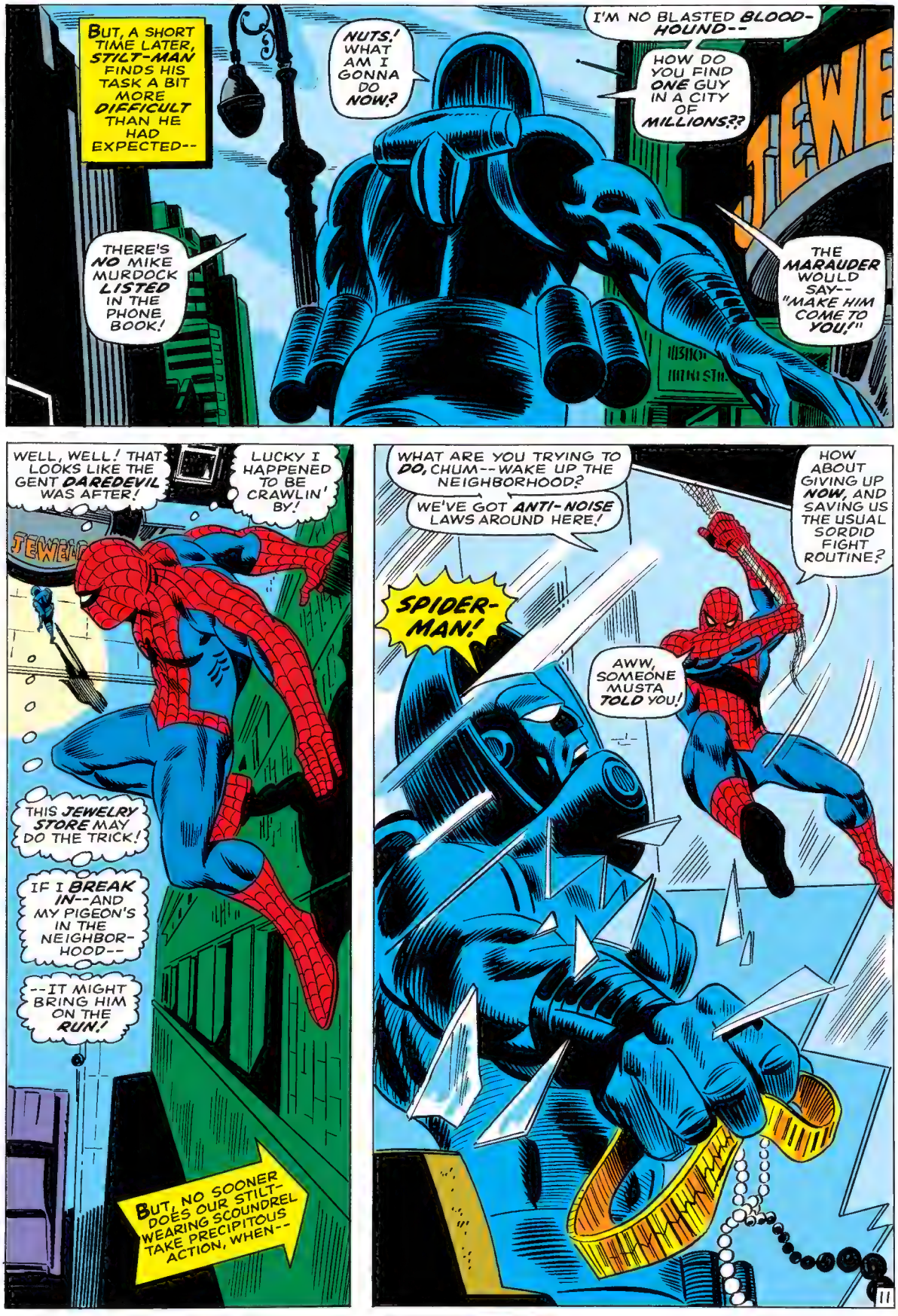
THEN, AS THE CAPTIVES RECOVER CONSCIOUSNESS, AND THE MINUTES TURN TO HOURS--
HEY, THIS IS FOR THE BIRDS!
HOW MUCH LONGER ARE WE GONNA HAVE TO WAIT?
UNTIL DAREDEVIL FINDS THAT NOTE...
OR, UNTIL OUR GUESTS REVEAL HIS IDENTITY TO ME!
IF THAT'S ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW, I'LL TELL YOU!
MATT!! NO! YOU CAN'T!
WHY NOT? ANYTHING TO GET US OUT OF HERE!
DAREDEVIL IS MIKE MURDOCK --MY TWIN BROTHER!
AT LAST! I KNEW WE'D FIND OUT!
THE NOTE IS STILL WHERE YOU LEFT IT-- BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW!
ALL THAT MATTERS IS--
MIKE MURDOCK MUST DIE!
WELL, IN KAREN'S EYES I'VE JUST ELECTED MYSELF HEEL OF THE YEAR--BUT I HAD TO DO IT!
OUR ONLY CHANCE IS FOR ME TO TURN INTO DAREDEVIL-- BUT I CAN'T DO IT YET!
FIRST, I'VE GOT TO DIVERT THEIR ATTENTION--AND THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY!
THERE'S AN ESCAPE DOOR AT MY RIGHT! IF I CAN GET THE MARAUDER TO OPEN IT--!
NOW THAT WE KNOW WHO DAREDEVIL IS, WE NEED WAIT NO LONGER!
I'LL BRING THE SHIP LOW ENOUGH FOR YOU TO EXTEND YOUR METAL LEGS AND REACH THE GROUND!
THEN ALL YOU NEED DO IS FIND MIKE MURDOCK!
DON'T WORRY, KAREN! OL' MIKE WILL BE TOO SMART FOR THEM! THEY WON'T GET HIM!
HE'S BEATEN BETTER MEN THAN THEY BEFORE!
OH, MATT-- MATT! HOW COULD YOU! HOW COULD YOU HAVE BETRAYED YOUR OWN BROTHER?
I NEVER EXPECTED IT OF YOU-- NEVER!
WELL, MATTHEW BOY--IF YOU EVER HAD A CHANCE WITH KAREN, FORGET IT!
YOU JUST BLEW THE WHOLE BIT!
AND, AS THE WHIRLYBIRD BEGINS ITS SLOW DESCENT--
REMEMBER-- YOUR JOB IS TO FIND MIKE MURDOCK--AND DESTROY HIM!
OKAY! OKAY! I GET THE PITCH! YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRAW ME A PICTURE!

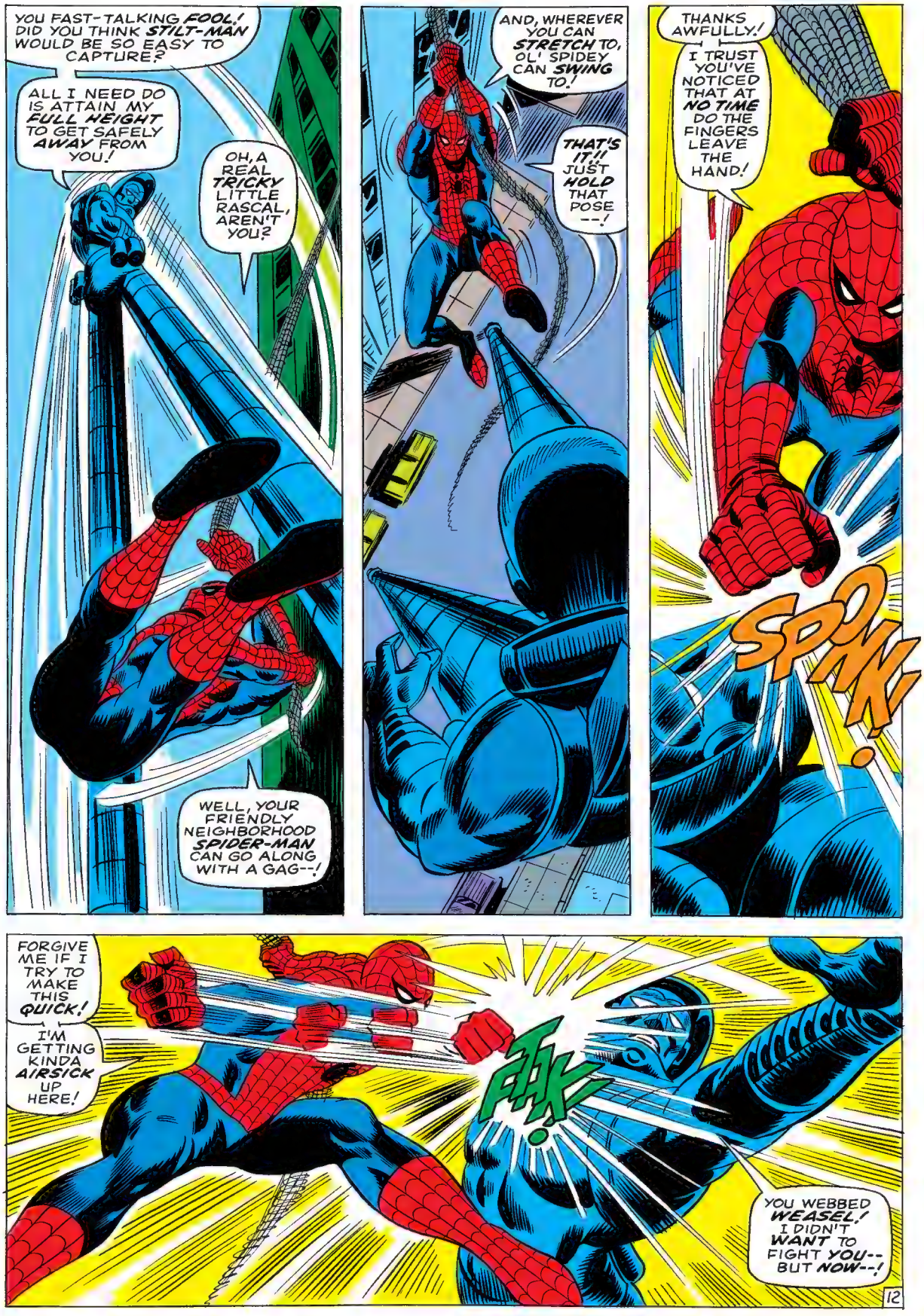
I'VE SHUT OFF THE FORCE FIELD! IT'S SAFE TO LEAVE THE SHIP NOW!
WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
ARE YOU KIDDIN'?
BRING 'ER DOWN LOWER, MISTER! THESE STILTS OF MINE DON'T EXTEND FOREVER!
ALL RIGHT! THAT'S LOW ENOUGH! NOW HOLD HER STEADY--!

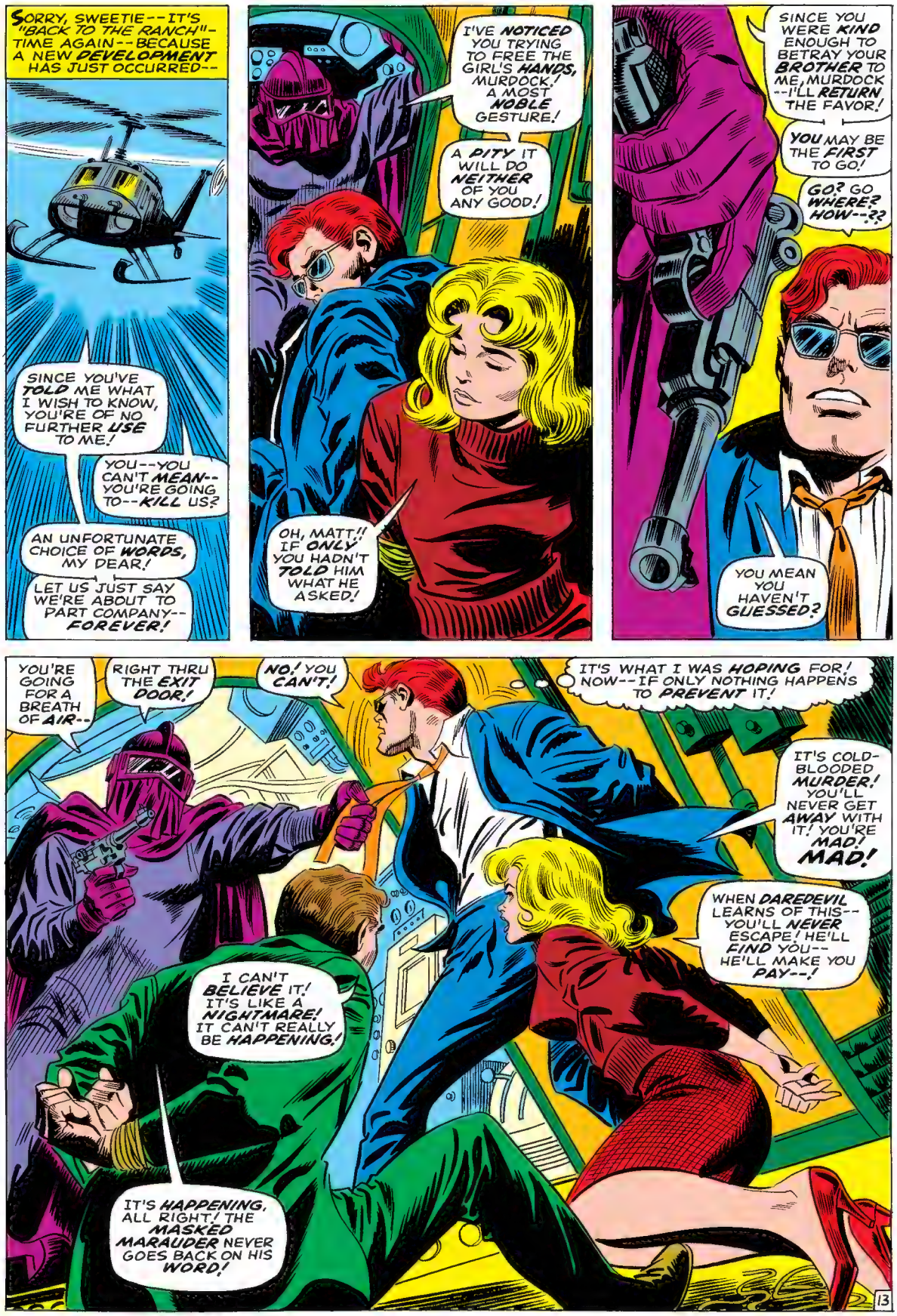

IF I DO THIS FAST ENOUGH--
I'LL BE ON THE GROUND--
AND SAFELY OUT OF SIGHT--
BEFORE ANYONE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED!

SAY, BILL--DID YOU JUST SEE SOMETHING FLASH OUT OF THE SKY?
AWW, COME ON, CHUCK! NOT ANOTHER FLYING SAUCER?
OR, WAS IT SANTA'S SLEIGH?
NO--I COULD'A SWORN I SAW SOME-THING METAL--!
MUSTA BEEN A REFLECTION, I GUESS!


I MADE IT!
LUCKY IT'S LATE--AND THE STREETS ARE DESERTED!
I'LL JUST FIND MYSELF A LONELY PHONE BOOTH AND LOOK UP THE HOME ADDRESS OF MIKE MURDOCK!
THE REST WILL BE A BREEZE!
HIS BROTHER, MATT, MUST BE A REAL YELLA-BELLY TO PULL THE RUG OUT FROM UNDER DAREDEVIL LIKE THAT!
SOME GUYS'LL DO ANYTHING TO SAVE THEIR OWN SKIN!


BUT, A SHORT TIME LATER, STILT-MAN FINDS HIS TASK A BIT MORE DIFFICULT THAN HE HAD EXPECTED--
NUTS! WHAT AM I GONNA DO NOW?
I'M NO BLASTED BLOOD-HOUND--
HOW DO YOU FIND ONE GUY IN A CITY OF MILLIONS??
THERE'S NO MIKE MURDOCK LISTED IN THE PHONE BOOK!
THE MARAUDER WOULD SAY-- "MAKE HIM COME TO YOU!"
WELL, WELL! THAT LOOKS LIKE THE GENT DAREDEVIL WAS AFTER!
LUCKY I HAPPENED TO BE CRAWLIN' BY!
THIS JEWELRY STORE MAY DO THE TRICK!
IF I BREAK IN--AND MY PIGEON'S IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD--
--IT MIGHT BRING HIM ON THE RUN!
BUT, NO SOONER DOES OUR STILT-WEARING SCOUNDREL TAKE PRECIPITOUS ACTION, WHEN--
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, CHUM--WAKE UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD?
WE'VE GOT ANTI-NOISE LAWS AROUND HERE!
HOW ABOUT GIVING UP NOW, AND SAVING US THE USUAL SORDID FIGHT ROUTINE?
SPIDER-MAN!
AWW, SOMEONE MUSTA TOLD YOU!


YOU FAST-TALKING FOOL! DID YOU THINK STILT-MAN WOULD BE SO EASY TO CAPTURE?
ALL I NEED DO IS ATTAIN MY FULL HEIGHT TO GET SAFELY AWAY FROM YOU!
OH, A REAL TRICKY LITTLE RASCAL, AREN'T YOU?
WELL, YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN CAN GO ALONG WITH A GAG--!
AND, WHEREVER YOU CAN STRETCH TO, OL' SPIDEY CAN SWING TO!
THAT'S IT!! JUST HOLD THAT POSE --!
THANKS AWFULLY!
I TRUST YOU'VE NOTICED THAT AT NO TIME DO THE FINGERS LEAVE THE HAND!
SPANK!
FORGIVE ME IF I TRY TO MAKE THIS QUICK!
I'M GETTING KINDA AIRSICK UP HERE!
FAK!
YOU WEBBED WEASEL! I DIDN'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU-- BUT NOW--!


SORRY, SWEETIE--IT'S "BACK TO THE RANCH"-TIME AGAIN--BECAUSE A NEW DEVELOPMENT HAS JUST OCCURRED--
SINCE YOU'VE TOLD ME WHAT I WISH TO KNOW, YOU'RE OF NO FURTHER USE TO ME!
YOU--YOU CAN'T MEAN--YOU'RE GOING TO--KILL US?
AN UNFORTUNATE CHOICE OF WORDS, MY DEAR!
LET US JUST SAY WE'RE ABOUT TO PART COMPANY--FOREVER!
I'VE NOTICED YOU TRYING TO FREE THE GIRL'S HANDS, MURDOCK! A MOST NOBLE GESTURE!
A PITY IT WILL DO NEITHER OF YOU ANY GOOD!
OH, MATT!! IF ONLY YOU HADN'T TOLD HIM WHAT HE ASKED!
SINCE YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO BETRAY YOUR BROTHER TO ME, MURDOCK --I'LL RETURN THE FAVOR!
YOU MAY BE THE FIRST TO GO!
GO? GO WHERE? HOW--??
YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T GUESSED?
YOU'RE GOING FOR A BREATH OF AIR--
RIGHT THRU THE EXIT DOOR!
NO! YOU CAN'T!
IT'S WHAT I WAS HOPING FOR! NOW--IF ONLY NOTHING HAPPENS TO PREVENT IT!
IT'S COLD-BLOODED MURDER! YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH IT! YOU'RE MAD! MAD!
WHEN DAREDEVIL LEARNS OF THIS--YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE! HE'LL FIND YOU--HE'LL MAKE YOU PAY--!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S LIKE A NIGHTMARE! IT CAN'T REALLY BE HAPPENING!
IT'S HAPPENING, ALL RIGHT! THE MASKED MARAUDER NEVER GOES BACK ON HIS WORD!
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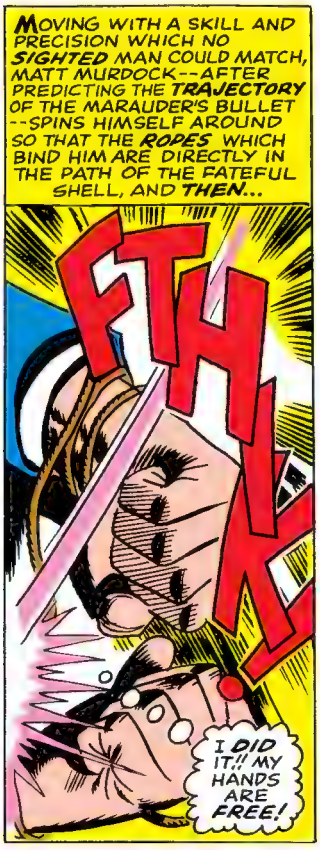
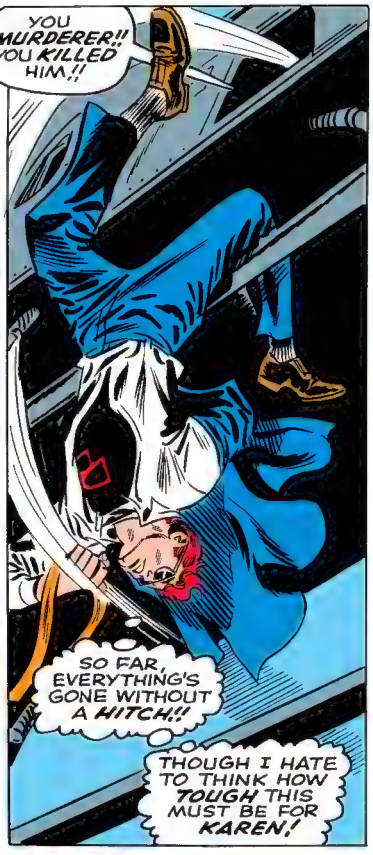
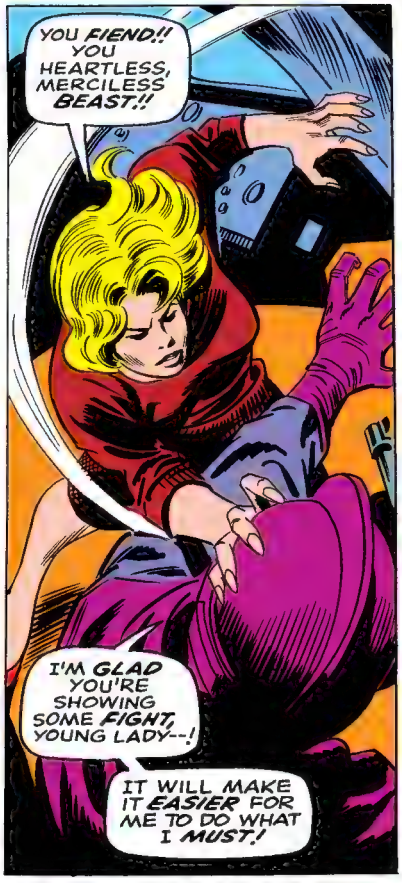
ALL RIGHT, MURDOCK! JUST LEAN YOURSELF FORWARD! THE DOOR IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU!
I'VE UNLATCHED IT, SO ONE LITTLE PUSH IS ALL IT WILL TAKE!
CAN'T ACT TOO EAGER! I'VE GOT TO MAKE THIS LOOK GOOD!
LOOK-- I HAVE MONEY!! I CAN PAY YOU--!
I SAID LEAN FORWARD-- OR I'LL SHOOT!
THEN I'VE NOTHING MORE TO LOSE!
HE DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO BUTT HIM WITH MY HEAD!
NOW, IF HE'LL JUST FALL BACK AT THE RIGHT ANGLE--!
THUD!
NEXT, I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM FIRE HIS GUN--JUST ONCE!
YOU FOOL! YOU'RE ONLY PROLONGING YOUR FINAL FATE!
IT WORKED!
HE STUMBLED BACK AGAINST THE FORCE FIELD BUTTON--HE DE-ACTIVATED IT!
DISINTE
KLEK!
HIS FINGER IS TIGHTENING! HE'S ABOUT TO FIRE! IT'S NOW--OR NEVER!
BAM!


MOVING WITH A SKILL AND PRECISION WHICH NO SIGHTED MAN COULD MATCH, MATT MURDOCK--AFTER PREDICTING THE TRAJECTORY OF THE MARAUDER'S BULLET --SPINS HIMSELF AROUND SO THAT THE ROPES WHICH BIND HIM ARE DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF THE FATEFUL SHELL, AND THEN...
FTHIK
I DID IT!! MY HANDS ARE FREE!

NOW TO HURL MYSELF BACK--AGAINST THE DOOR!
IT'LL SEEM AS THOUGH THE SHOT SENT ME REELING --!
MATT!


YOU MURDERER!! YOU KILLED HIM!!
SO FAR, EVERYTHING'S GONE WITHOUT A HITCH!!
THOUGH I HATE TO THINK HOW TOUGH THIS MUST BE FOR KAREN!

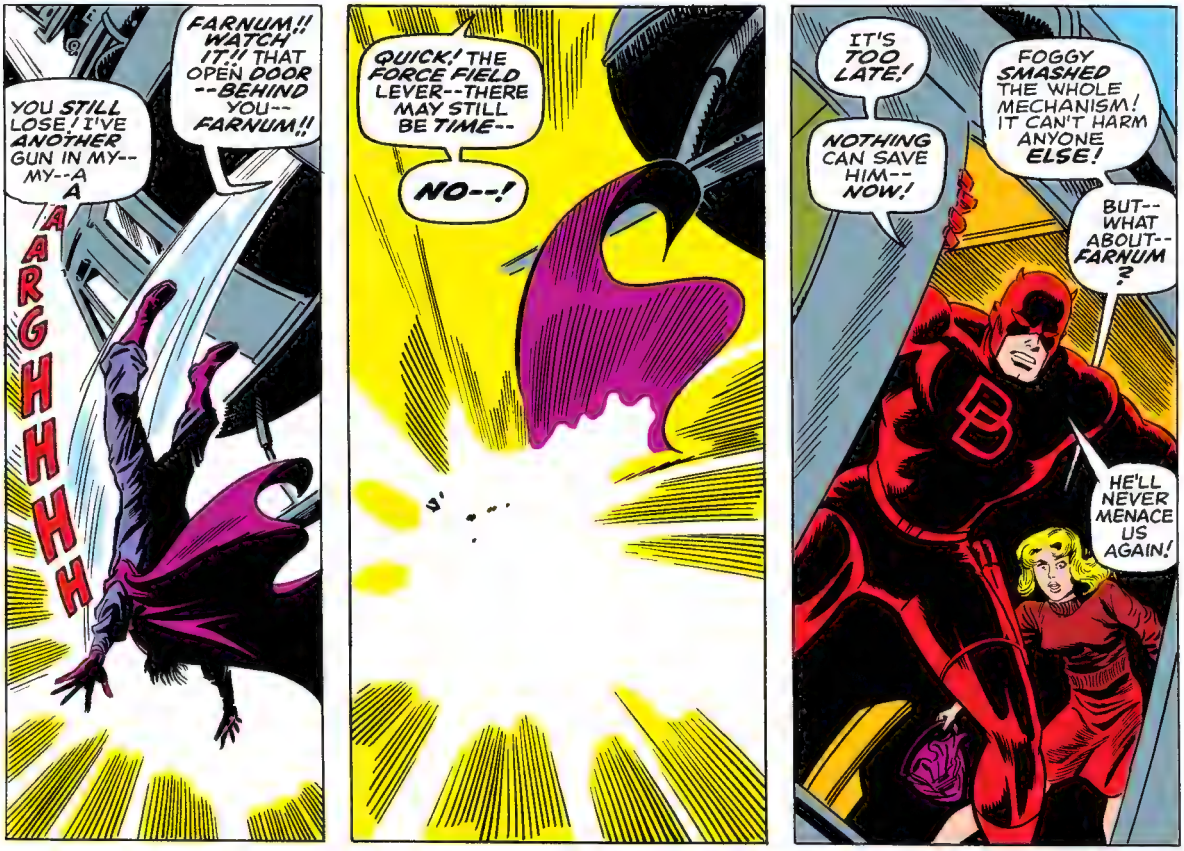

YOU FIEND!! YOU HEARTLESS, MERCILESS BEAST!!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SHOWING SOME FIGHT, YOUNG LADY--!
IT WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR ME TO DO WHAT I MUST!

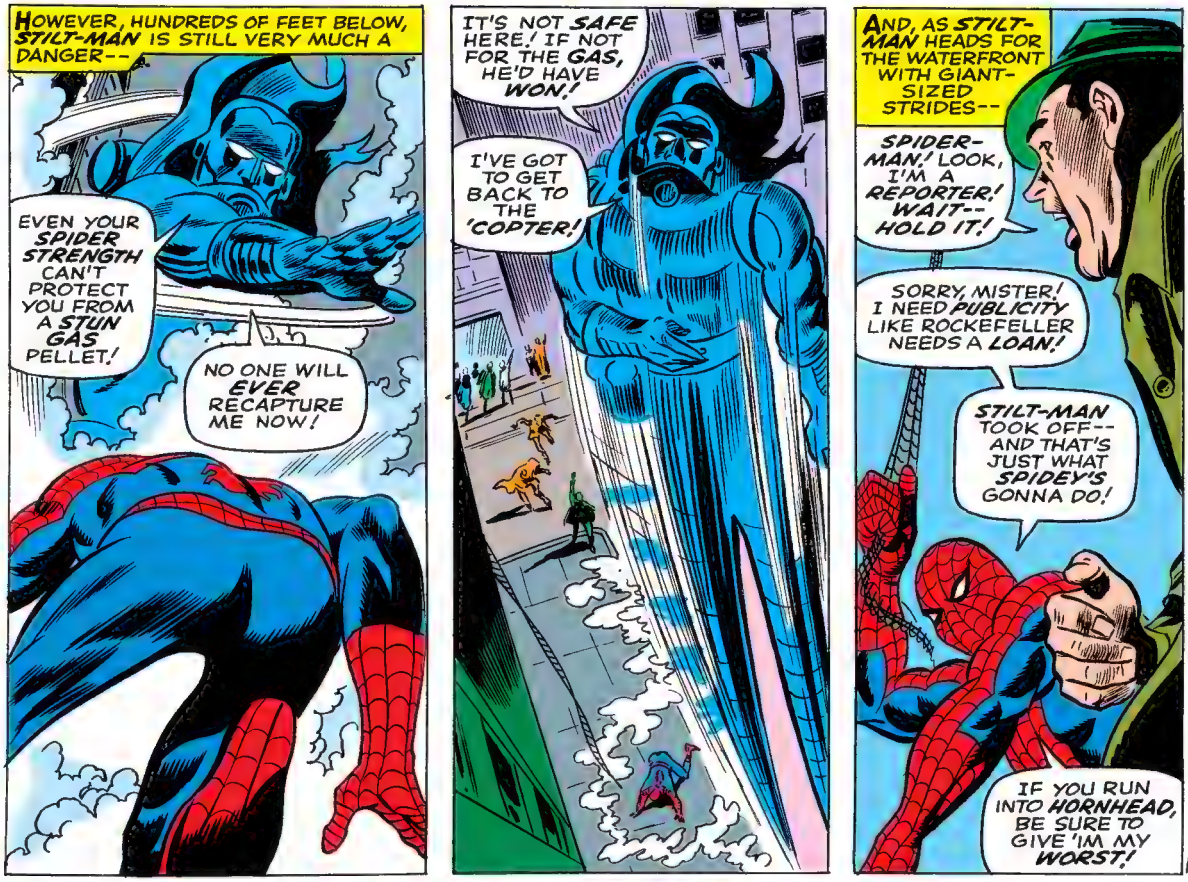
KAREN!! HOLD ON! STAND AWAY FROM THAT DOOR!! KAREN--!!
IT'S NO USE! SHE CAN'T HEAR ME OVER THE ROAR OF THE SPINNING BLADES!
I CAN ONLY PRAY THAT I WON'T BE--TOO LATE!

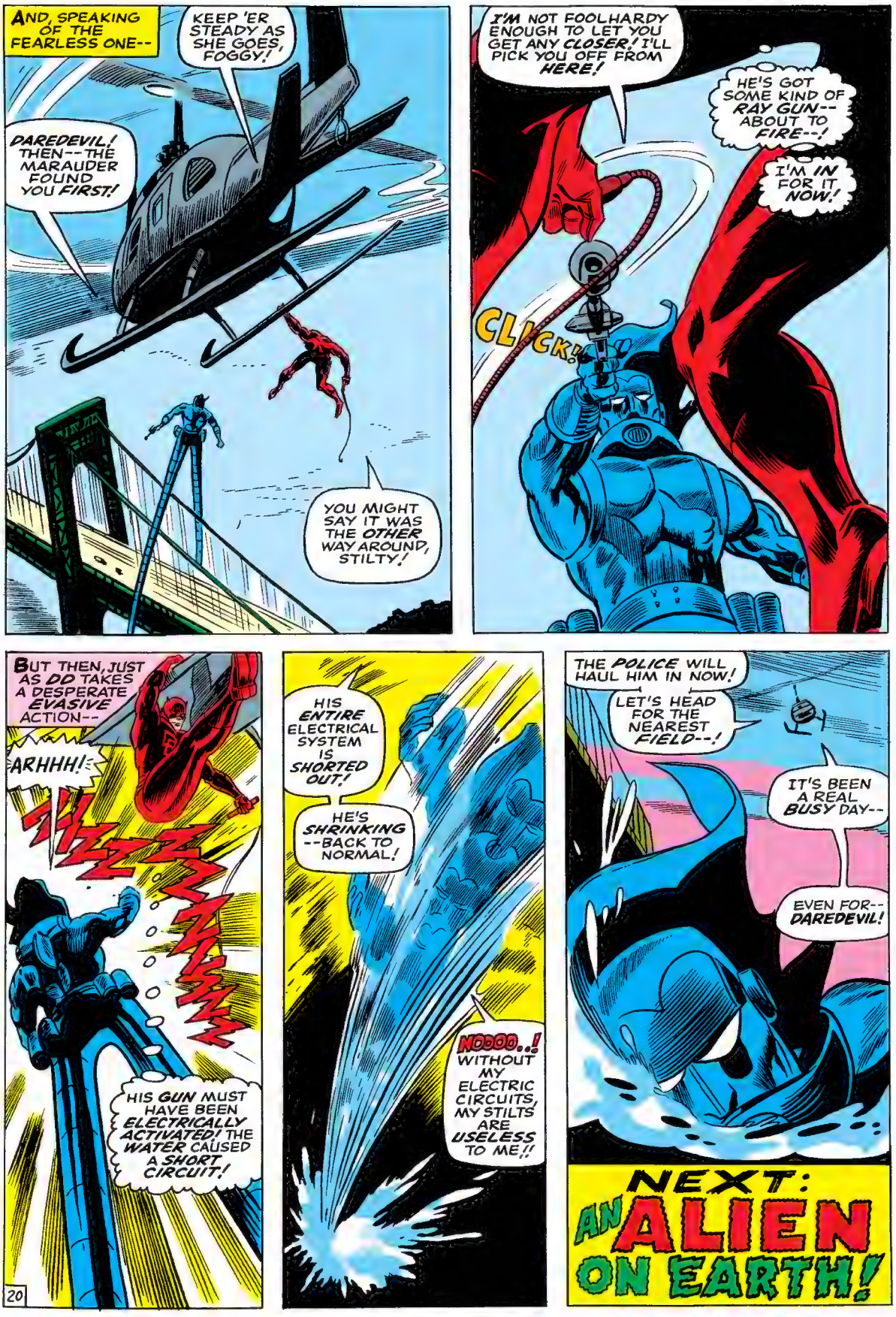
DAREDEVIL!! BUT--HOW--??
ZOK!
SIMPLE, PRETTY GIRL! I WAS HITCH-HIKIN' OUTSIDE ALL THE TIME!
AND YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT MATTY BOY! I CAUGHT HIM AND LOWERED 'IM TO A ROOFTOP WITH MY CABLE!
KRAK!
WELL, YOU GOT YOUR WISH, CREEP!
AS FOR YOU, YOU CLOAKED CORNBALL, I HEAR YOU WANTED TO FIND ME!
AND PUT THAT POPGUN AWAY WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU!
THPOW!
PAY ATTENTION --THERE'LL BE A TEST LATER!

I--NEVER NOTICED BEFORE! HIS HEARTBEAT--HIS PULSE RATE--I RECOGNIZE THEM!
AT LAST--I KNOW WHO HE IS!
UH OH!! HE FELL BACK AGAINST A CONTROL SWITCH!
CLAK!
IT WAS THE AUTOMATIC PILOT--HE RELEASED IT!
THE SHIP'S OUT OF CONTROL!
HHIRRRRRRRR
KAREN!! FOGGY! HANG ON--!
I'LL GET 'ER RIGHTED --SOMEHOW!
THE CONTROLS!! GRAB THE CONTROLS--BEFORE WE CRASH!
FOGGY! HE CAN'T! THE MARAUDER'S ATTACKING HIM AGAIN!
YOU WON'T ESCAPE ME NOW--!
YOU FOOL! DROP THAT--BEFORE WE'RE ALL KILLED!
ZAK!
NO!! I'VE PLANNED--I'VE WAITED--I'VE SCHEMED TOO LONG TO ACCEPT ANOTHER FAILURE!!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS --NO MATTER HOW MANY OTHERS DIE WITH YOU--YOU MUST BE DESTROYED!

THE SHIP'S STEADY NOW!! FOGGY RIGHTED IT!
SO, I'VE ONLY THE MARAUDER TO WORRY ABOUT!
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, DAREDEVIL!
AND THE SAME GOES FOR ME-- FARNUM!!
WHAT?!! HOW-HOW DID YOU FIND OUT??
I THOUGHT THAT WOULD GRAB YOU!
THEN, THERE'S NO LONGER ANY NEED FOR CONCEALMENT!
REMOVE MY HELMET, GIRL!! REMOVE IT, I SAID!
IT-IT IS-- MR. FARNUM!
THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY TASK EASIER!
NOW, I CAN'T POSSIBLY LET ANY OF YOU LIVE--!
WHA- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DISK
CLIK
MERELY REACTIVATING THE SHIP'S DEADLY FORCE FIELD ONCE MORE!
WANNA LEAVE NO EVIDENCE AFTER YOU TOSS US OUT, EH?
WELL, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU--!
I'M BETTING MY LIFE THAT YOU CAN'T SQUEEZE THAT TRIGGER BEFORE I CLIP YA--!
AHHH!-- TOO BAD WE WEREN'T BETTING FOR DOUGH!


FARNUM!! WATCH IT!! THAT OPEN DOOR --BEHIND YOU-- FARNUM!!
YOU STILL LOSE! I'VE ANOTHER GUN IN MY-- MY--A
A
AARGHHHH
QUICK! THE FORCE FIELD LEVER--THERE MAY STILL BE TIME--
NO--!
IT'S TOO LATE!
NOTHING CAN SAVE HIM-- NOW!
FOGGY SMASHED THE WHOLE MECHANISM! IT CAN'T HARM ANYONE ELSE!
BUT-- WHAT ABOUT-- FARNUM?
HE'LL NEVER MENACE US AGAIN!


HOWEVER, HUNDREDS OF FEET BELOW, STILT-MAN IS STILL VERY MUCH A DANGER--
EVEN YOUR SPIDER STRENGTH CAN'T PROTECT YOU FROM A STUN GAS PELLET!
NO ONE WILL EVER RECAPTURE ME NOW!
IT'S NOT SAFE HERE! IF NOT FOR THE GAS, HE'D HAVE WON!
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE 'COPTER!
AND, AS STILT-MAN HEADS FOR THE WATERFRONT WITH GIANT-SIZED STRIDES--
SPIDER-MAN! LOOK, I'M A REPORTER! WAIT-- HOLD IT!
SORRY, MISTER! I NEED PUBLICITY LIKE ROCKEFELLER NEEDS A LOAN!
STILT-MAN TOOK OFF-- AND THAT'S JUST WHAT SPIDEY'S GONNA DO!
IF YOU RUN INTO HORNHEAD, BE SURE TO GIVE 'IM MY WORST!


AND, SPEAKING OF THE FEARLESS ONE--
KEEP 'ER STEADY AS SHE GOES, FOGGY!
DAREDEVIL! THEN--THE MARAUDER FOUND YOU FIRST!
YOU MIGHT SAY IT WAS THE OTHER WAY AROUND, STILTY!
I'M NOT FOOLHARDY ENOUGH TO LET YOU GET ANY CLOSER! I'LL PICK YOU OFF FROM HERE!
HE'S GOT SOME KIND OF RAY GUN--ABOUT TO FIRE--!
I'M IN FOR IT NOW!
CLICK!
BUT THEN, JUST AS DD TAKES A DESPERATE EVASIVE ACTION--
ARHHH!
ZZZZZZZZZZZ
HIS GUN MUST HAVE BEEN ELECTRICALLY ACTIVATED! THE WATER CAUSED A SHORT CIRCUIT!
HIS ENTIRE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM IS SHORTED OUT!
HE'S SHRINKING --BACK TO NORMAL!
NOOOO..! WITHOUT MY ELECTRIC CIRCUITS, MY STILTS ARE USELESS TO ME!!
THE POLICE WILL HAUL HIM IN NOW!
LET'S HEAD FOR THE NEAREST FIELD--!
IT'S BEEN A REAL BUSY DAY--
EVEN FOR--DAREDEVIL!
NEXT: AN ALIEN ON EARTH!
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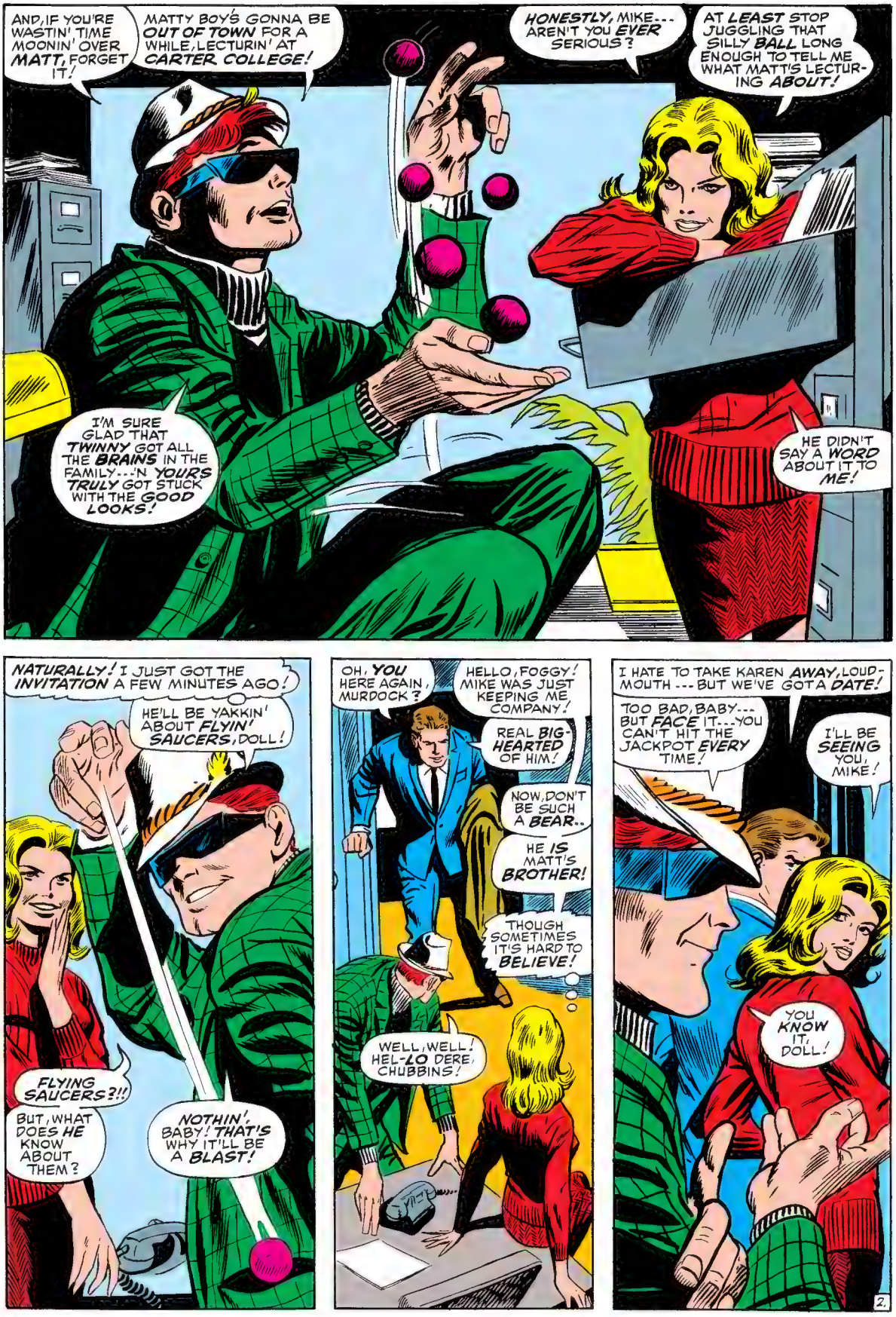
DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S PLANET!"
OH, MATT... MATT! HOW COULD YOU REVEAL THAT YOUR OWN BROTHER, MIKE, IS REALLY DARE-DEVIL?*
LUCKILY, THE MARAUDER DIED BEFORE HE COULD USE THAT SECRET... BUT HOW... HOW COULD YOU HAVE BEEN SO... WEAK?
KAREN, BABY! YOU'RE JUST TOO MUCH..!
HOW CAN ANY CHICK SOUND SO BLECCH WITH A LOVER-BOY LIKE OL' MIKE AROUND?
NOW LOOK, DAD... WE WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO HIRE THESE GUYS... SO BE SURE THAT YOU MEMORIZE THEIR NAMES, HEAR?
PHILOSOPHICALLY PRODUCED BY:
SMILIN' GENIAL STAN and GENE LEE COLAN
INKED BY: DICK AYERS
LETTERED BY: SAM ROSEN
OKAY! NOW THAT THAT'S OVER, LET'S SEE WHAT'S SHAKIN' UP AHEAD...
*IT HAPPENED LAST ISH, REMEMBER? BUT, CUDDLY KAREN DOESN'T KNOW THAT MATT, MIKE, AND DD ARE ALL THE SAME SWINGER! --STARRY-EYED STAN.


AND, IF YOU'RE WASTIN' TIME MOONIN' OVER MATT, FORGET IT!
MATTY BOY'S GONNA BE OUT OF TOWN FOR A WHILE, LECTURIN' AT CARTER COLLEGE!
HONESTLY, MIKE... AREN'T YOU EVER SERIOUS?
AT LEAST STOP JUGGLING THAT SILLY BALL LONG ENOUGH TO TELL ME WHAT MATT'S LECTURING ABOUT!
I'M SURE GLAD THAT TWINNY GOT ALL THE BRAINS IN THE FAMILY...'N YOURS TRULY GOT STUCK WITH THE GOOD LOOKS!
HE DIDN'T SAY A WORD ABOUT IT TO ME!
NATURALLY! I JUST GOT THE INVITATION A FEW MINUTES AGO!
HE'LL BE YAKKIN' ABOUT FLYIN' SAUCERS, DOLL!
FLYING SAUCERS?!!
BUT, WHAT DOES HE KNOW ABOUT THEM?
NOTHIN', BABY! THAT'S WHY IT'LL BE A BLAST!
OH, YOU HERE AGAIN, MURDOCK?
HELLO, FOGGY! MIKE WAS JUST KEEPING ME COMPANY!
REAL BIG-HEARTED OF HIM!
NOW, DON'T BE SUCH A BEAR..
HE IS MATT'S BROTHER!
THOUGH SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE!
WELL, WELL! HEL-LO DERE, CHUBBINS!
I HATE TO TAKE KAREN AWAY, LOUDMOUTH --- BUT WE'VE GOT A DATE!
TOO BAD, BABY... BUT FACE IT... YOU CAN'T HIT THE JACKPOT EVERY TIME!
I'LL BE SEEING YOU, MIKE!
YOU KNOW IT, DOLL!
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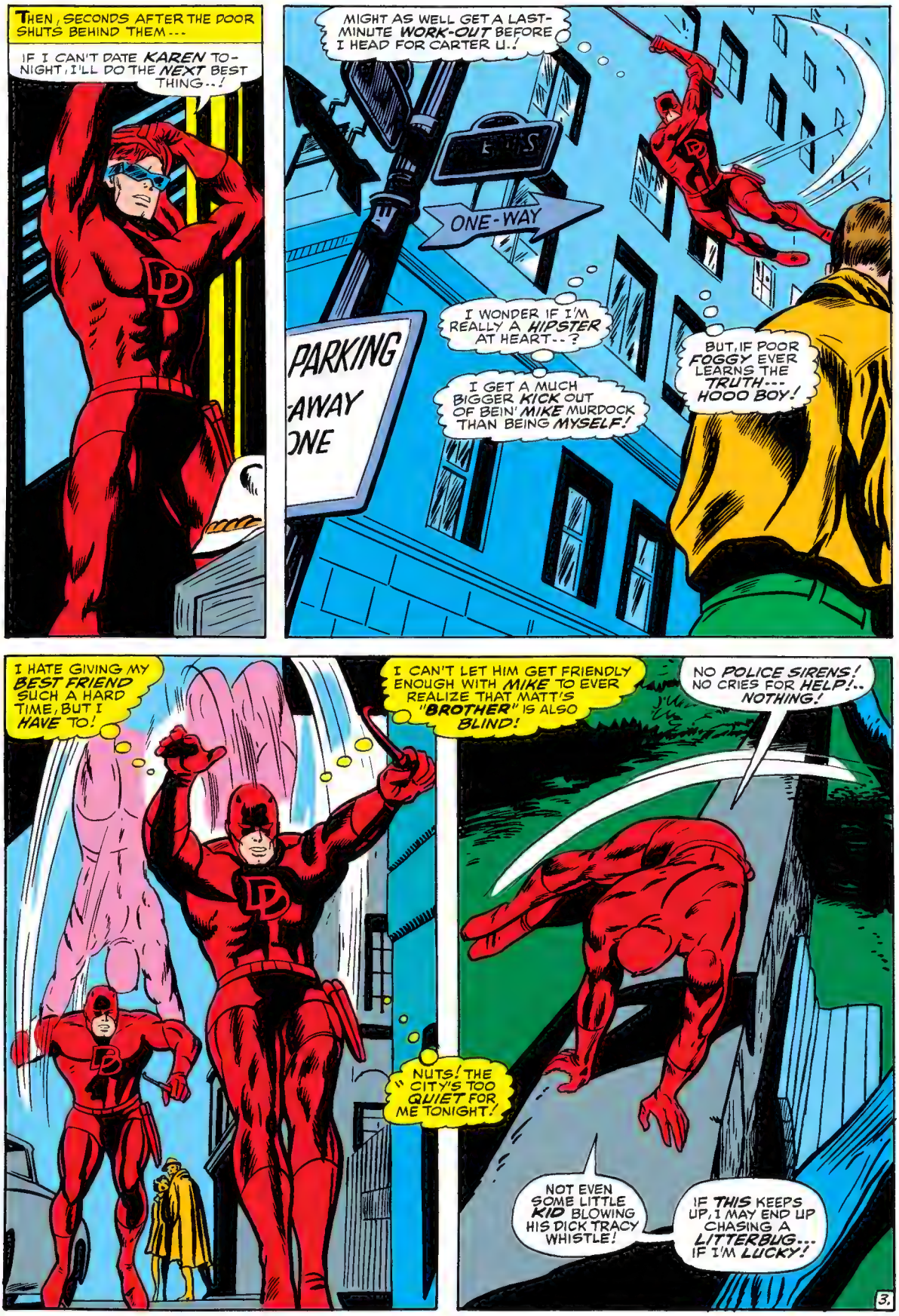
THEN, SECONDS AFTER THE DOOR SHUTS BEHIND THEM---
IF I CAN'T DATE KAREN TONIGHT, I'LL DO THE NEXT BEST THING--!
MIGHT AS WELL GET A LAST-MINUTE WORK-OUT BEFORE I HEAD FOR CARTER U.!
ONE-WAY
PARKING
I WONDER IF I'M REALLY A HIPSTER AT HEART--?
I GET A MUCH BIGGER KICK OUT OF BEIN' MIKE MURDOCK THAN BEING MYSELF!
BUT, IF POOR FOGGY EVER LEARNS THE TRUTH--- HOOO BOY!
I HATE GIVING MY BEST FRIEND SUCH A HARD TIME, BUT I HAVE TO!
I CAN'T LET HIM GET FRIENDLY ENOUGH WITH MIKE TO EVER REALIZE THAT MATT'S "BROTHER" IS ALSO BLIND!
NO POLICE SIRENS! NO CRIES FOR HELP!.. NOTHING!
NUTS! THE CITY'S TOO QUIET FOR ME TONIGHT!
NOT EVEN SOME LITTLE KID BLOWING HIS DICK TRACY WHISTLE!
IF THIS KEEPS UP, I MAY END UP CHASING A LITTERBUG... IF I'M LUCKY!
3.

FACE IT, DD! THIS JUST ISN'T YOUR DAY!
MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME AND START PACKING, AND--- UH OH!
I'D KNOW THOSE VOICES ANYWHERE!
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT MY FAVORITE SWASHBUCKLER--!
I'D BETTER GET OUT OF SIGHT AND GIVE A LISTEN!
THE UNMISTAKABLE SOUND OF A HANSOM CAB!
NEVER KNEW FOGGY WAS SUCH A ROMANTIC DEVIL!
I WONDER WHAT MATT WILL SAY DURING HIS LECTURE, FOGGY?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS?
CLOPPITTY CLOP!
YOU BET I HAVE, KAREN--!
BUT, THEY'VE NOTHING TO DO WITH MATT, OR MIKE, OR DAREDEVIL!
I THOUGHT, IF WE TOOK THIS RIDE IN THE MOONLIGHT, YOU MIGHT--KAREN! YOU'RE NOT EVEN LISTENING!
HOW CAN MIKE BE SO UNCONCERNED ABOUT MATT ALMOST GIVING AWAY HIS SECRET!
IF HIS HIDDEN IDENTITY IS SO IMPORTANT TO HIM, DAREDEVIL SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE UPSET!
UNLESS--- THERE'S ANOTHER--- A MORE IMPORTANT REASON--! SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T GUESSED!
WHAT IF IT'S MATT, NOT MIKE, WHO'S REALLY--! OH, NO! IT'S TOO MAD!
IT COULDN'T BE WHAT I'M THINKING--- FOR WE KNOW THAT MATT IS BLIND!
BUT, THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT ALL THIS THAT JUST DOESN'T ADD UP!
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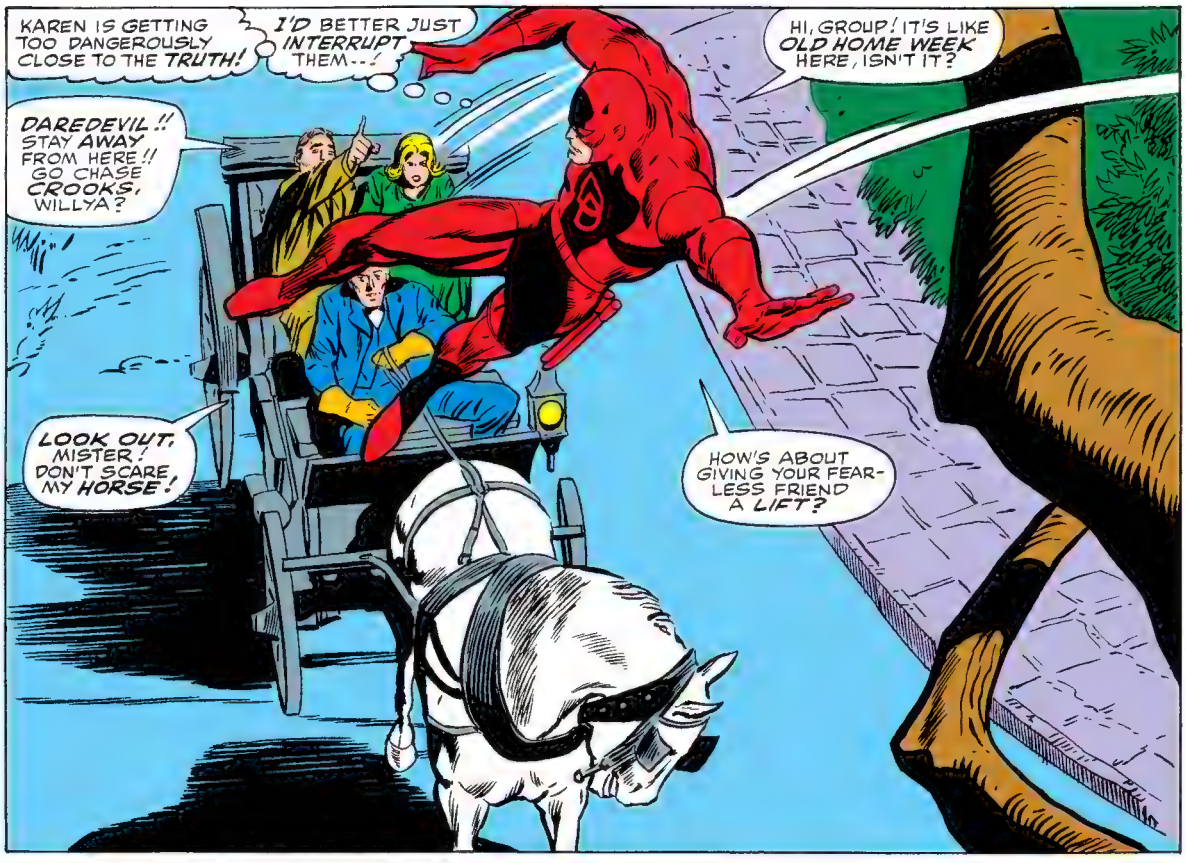
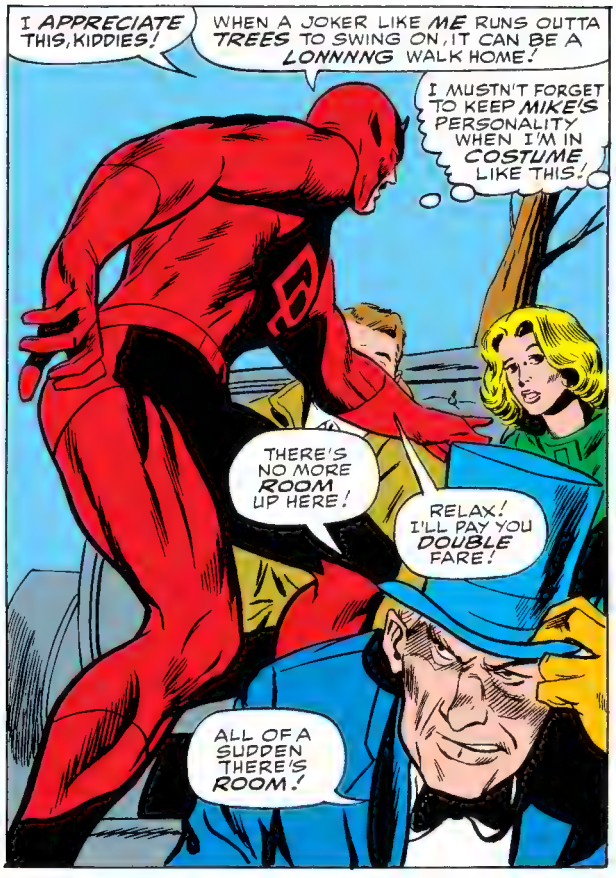
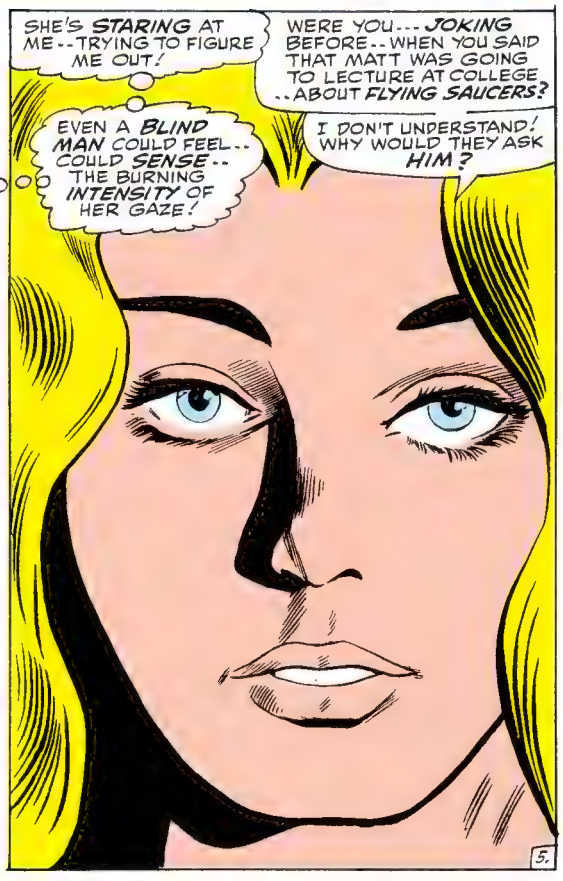
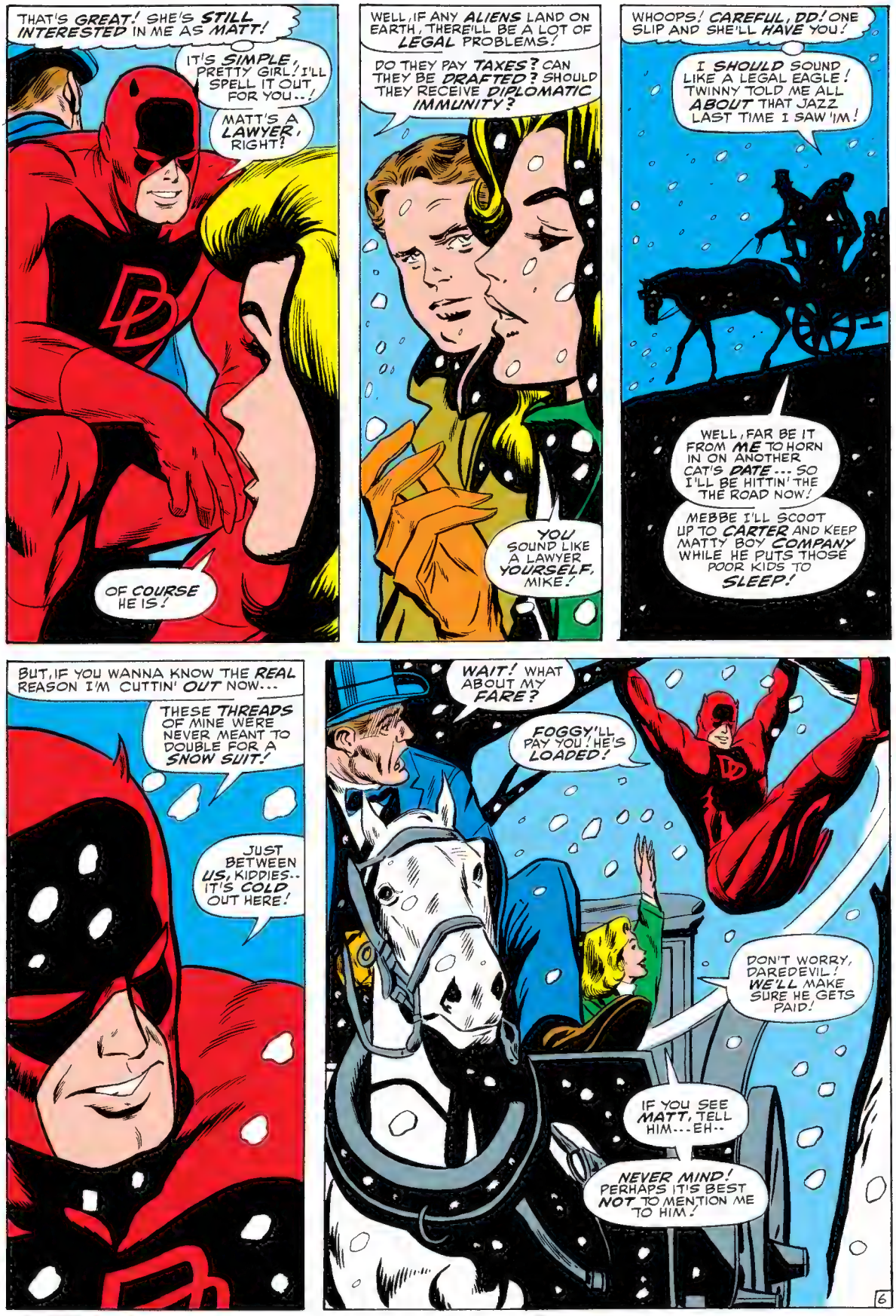

KAREN IS GETTING TOO DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO THE TRUTH!
I'D BETTER JUST INTERRUPT THEM--!
HI, GROUP! IT'S LIKE OLD HOME WEEK HERE, ISN'T IT?
DAREDEVIL!! STAY AWAY FROM HERE!! GO CHASE CROOKS, WILLYA?
LOOK OUT, MISTER! DON'T SCARE MY HORSE!
HOW'S ABOUT GIVING YOUR FEARLESS FRIEND A LIFT?


I APPRECIATE THIS, KIDDIES!
WHEN A JOKER LIKE ME RUNS OUTTA TREES TO SWING ON, IT CAN BE A LONNNNG WALK HOME!
I MUSTN'T FORGET TO KEEP MIKE'S PERSONALITY WHEN I'M IN COSTUME LIKE THIS!
THERE'S NO MORE ROOM UP HERE!
RELAX! I'LL PAY YOU DOUBLE FARE!
ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE'S ROOM!


SHE'S STARING AT ME--TRYING TO FIGURE ME OUT!
WERE YOU--- JOKING BEFORE--WHEN YOU SAID THAT MATT WAS GOING TO LECTURE AT COLLEGE ..ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS?
EVEN A BLIND MAN COULD FEEL--COULD SENSE--THE BURNING INTENSITY OF HER GAZE!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY WOULD THEY ASK HIM?


THAT'S GREAT! SHE'S STILL INTERESTED IN ME AS MATT!
IT'S SIMPLE, PRETTY GIRL, I'LL SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU..!
MATT'S A LAWYER, RIGHT?
OF COURSE HE IS!
WELL, IF ANY ALIENS LAND ON EARTH, THERE'LL BE A LOT OF LEGAL PROBLEMS!
DO THEY PAY TAXES? CAN THEY BE DRAFTED? SHOULD THEY RECEIVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY?
YOU SOUND LIKE A LAWYER YOURSELF, MIKE!
WHOOPS! CAREFUL, DD! ONE SLIP AND SHE'LL HAVE YOU!
I SHOULD SOUND LIKE A LEGAL EAGLE! TWINNY TOLD ME ALL ABOUT THAT JAZZ LAST TIME I SAW 'IM!
WELL, FAR BE IT FROM ME TO HORN IN ON ANOTHER CAT'S DATE... SO I'LL BE HITTIN' THE THE ROAD NOW!
MEBBE I'LL SCOOT UP TO CARTER AND KEEP MATTY BOY COMPANY WHILE HE PUTS THOSE POOR KIDS TO SLEEP!
BUT, IF YOU WANNA KNOW THE REAL REASON I'M CUTTIN' OUT NOW...
THESE THREADS OF MINE WERE NEVER MEANT TO DOUBLE FOR A SNOW SUIT!
JUST BETWEEN US, KIDDIES.. IT'S COLD OUT HERE!
WAIT! WHAT ABOUT MY FARE?
FOGGY'LL PAY YOU! HE'S LOADED!
DON'T WORRY, DAREDEVIL! WE'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS PAID!
IF YOU SEE MATT, TELL HIM---EH--
NEVER MIND! PERHAPS IT'S BEST NOT TO MENTION ME TO HIM!
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OKAY, FRANTIC ONE---NOW THAT ONE OF THE LONGEST PROLOGUES ON RECORD IS FINALLY OVER, LET'S HEAD FOR CARTER COLLEGE WITH OUR SIGHTLESS STALWART---

ALTHOUGH SHE HATES HERSELF FOR IT, KAREN IS HURT---AND DISAPPOINTED IN ME FOR THE WEAKNESS I SHOWED BY SEEMING TO BETRAY "MIKE" TO THE MASKED MARAUDER!

AND I CAN'T REVEAL THE TRUE STORY WITHOUT GIVING MY SECRET AWAY!

MATT, OL' BUDDY... HOW'D YOU EVER GET YOURSELF IN THIS THREE-IDENTITIES-TANGLE?

OH, WELL, I'LL WORRY ABOUT IT SOME OTHER TIME!

BUT, AS MATT REACHES THE CAMPUS, HE IS SOON TO FIND A NEW, MORE INCREDIBLE PROBLEM TO CONCERN HIM---

THAT MUST BE THE GUEST LECTURER FROM NEW YORK! I DIDN'T THINK HE'D BE SO YOUNG--OR HANDSOME!

YOU'VE SURE GOTTA HAND IT TO HIM!

IMAGINE A BLIND MAN BECOMING ONE OF THE GREATEST TRIAL LAWYERS OF HIS TIME!

I'VE SPENT HARDLY ANY TIME WORKING ON MY SPEECH--!

BUT I'M SURE I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING!

TAXI

I HOPE HE'S NOT AS FANATICAL ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS AS PROFESSOR BREWSTER IS!

I HEAR THE PROF HAS STARTED CARRYING A REVOLVER IN CASE HE MEETS ANY LITTLE GREEN MEN FROM MARS!

BREWSTER'S BEEN WORKING TOO HARD! HE SWEARS HE'S SEEN SAUCERS FLYING AROUND HERE!

GOOD OF YOU TO COME, MR. MURDOCK! I'M DEAN SMITH! LET ME TAKE YOUR BAG!

YOU'LL HAVE A CAPACITY CROWD FOR YOUR TALK!

I HOPE I'LL SAY SOMETHING TO DESERVE IT!

I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE A PROFESSOR HERE WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN SOME SAUCERS LATELY?

YES--THAT'S TOM BREWSTER! I'M AFRAID HE'S GETTING TOO WRAPPED-UP IN THE SUBJECT!

HE'S OUT SEARCHING RIGHT NOW!

I'LL TALK TO HIM ANOTHER TIME THEN!

YOU GONNA TAKE IN THE LECTURE, SAL?

WASN'T GOING TO...

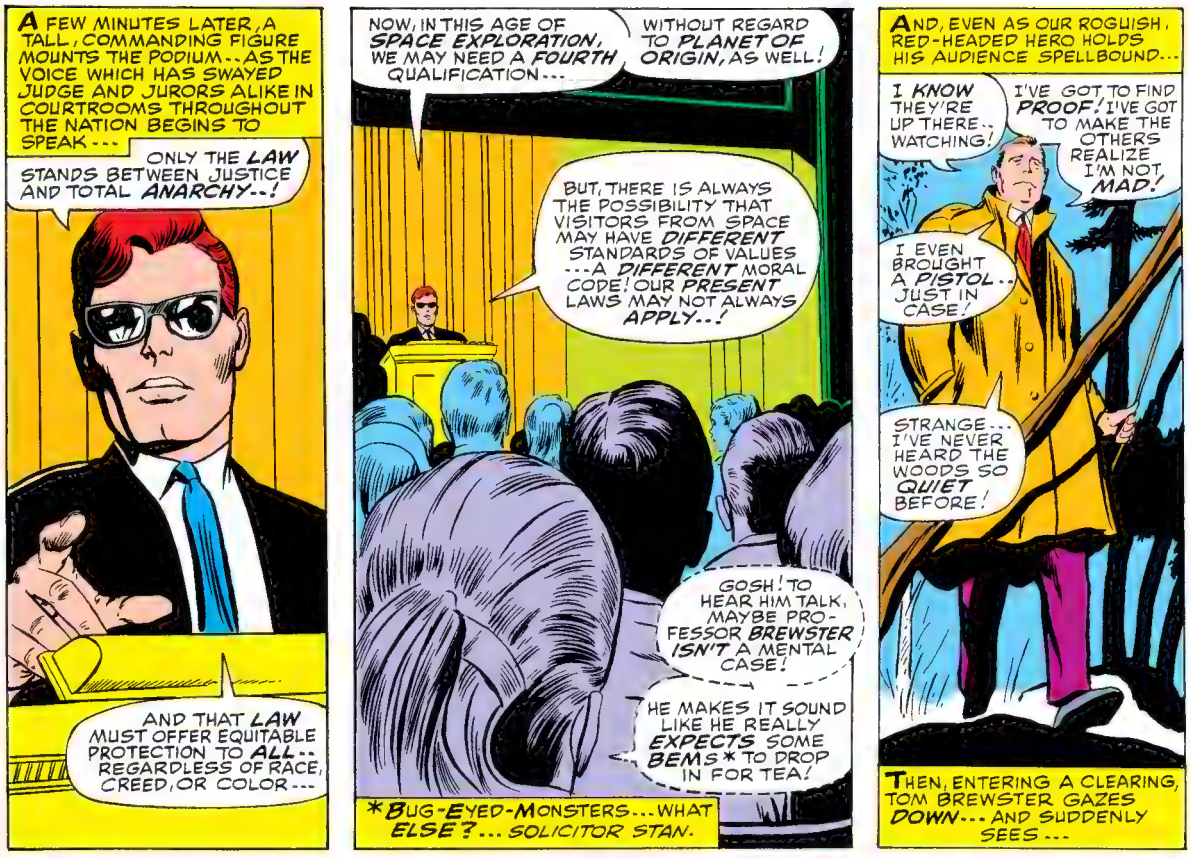
BUT I'VE SUDDENLY CHANGED MY MIND!

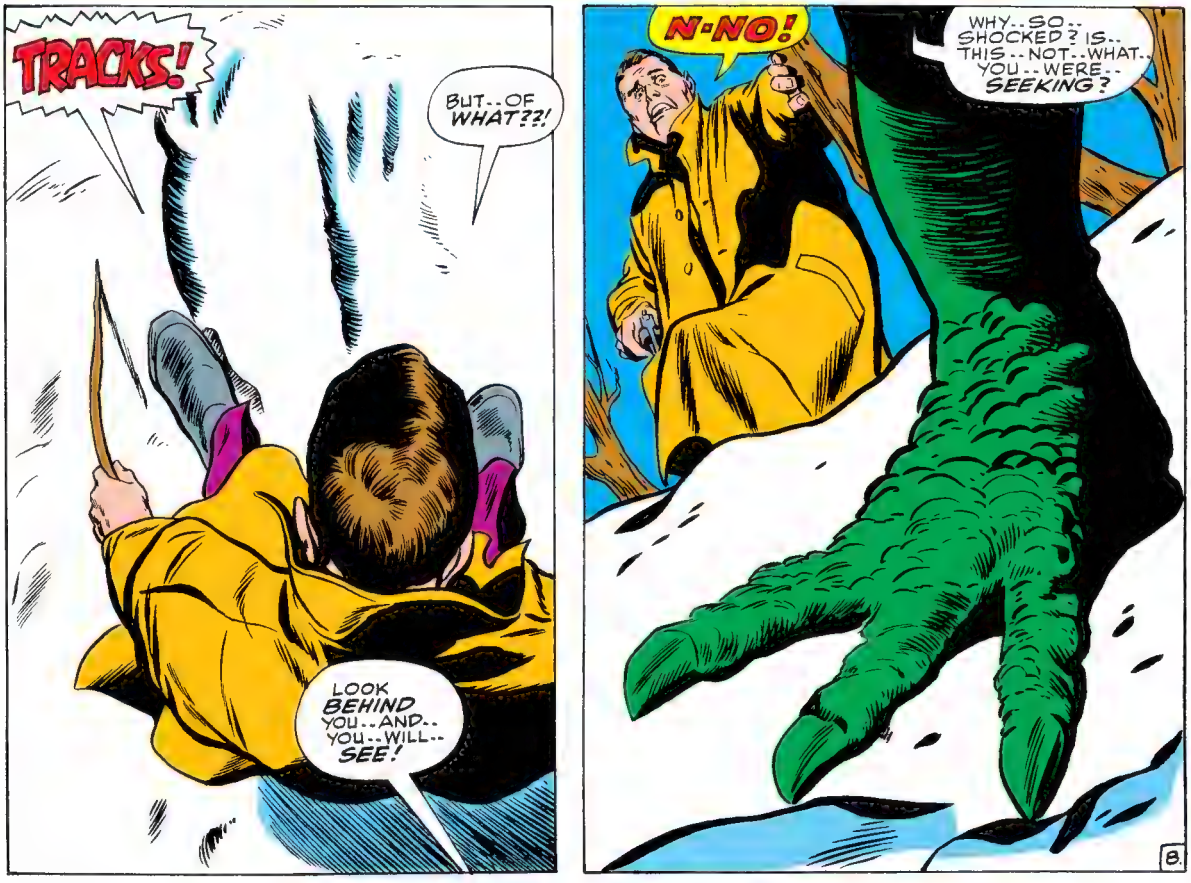
--JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHER GALS!

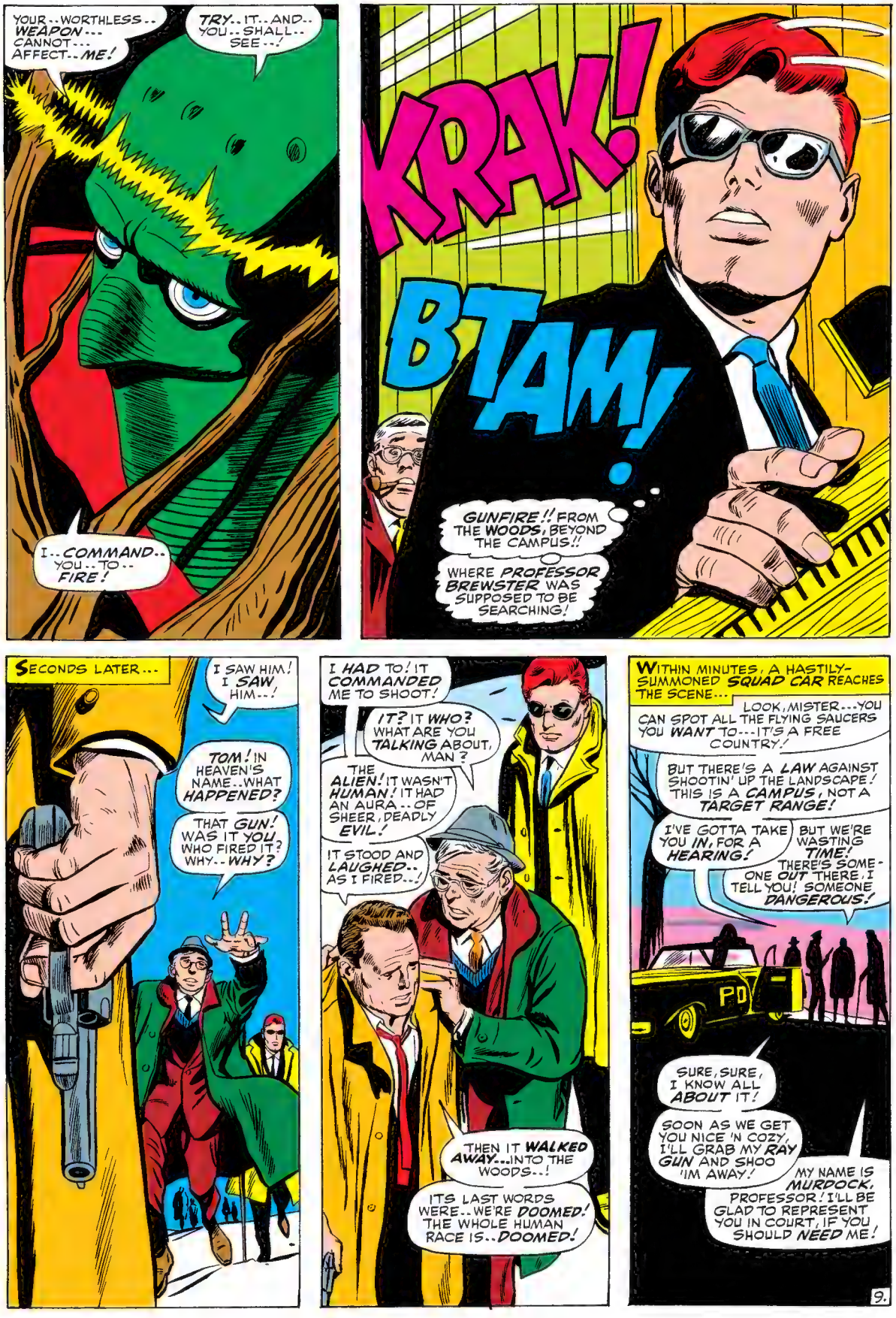
ACTUALLY, I SPECIALIZE IN CRIMINAL LAW MORE THAN MATTERS LIKE THIS---

BUT, I MUST ADMIT THAT THE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS OF ALIENS LANDING ON EARTH COULD BE VERY, EH, UNUSUAL!

WELL, THEN, LET'S GET ON WITH IT, SHALL WE?


A FEW MINUTES LATER, A TALL, COMMANDING FIGURE MOUNTS THE PODIUM--AS THE VOICE WHICH HAS SWAYED JUDGE AND JURORS ALIKE IN COURTROOMS THROUGHOUT THE NATION BEGINS TO SPEAK---
ONLY THE LAW STANDS BETWEEN JUSTICE AND TOTAL ANARCHY--!
AND THAT LAW MUST OFFER EQUITABLE PROTECTION TO ALL-- REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED, OR COLOR---
NOW, IN THIS AGE OF SPACE EXPLORATION, WE MAY NEED A FOURTH QUALIFICATION---
WITHOUT REGARD TO PLANET OF ORIGIN, AS WELL!
BUT, THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT VISITORS FROM SPACE MAY HAVE DIFFERENT STANDARDS OF VALUES ---A DIFFERENT MORAL CODE! OUR PRESENT LAWS MAY NOT ALWAYS APPLY--!
GOSH! TO HEAR HIM TALK, MAYBE PROFESSOR BREWSTER ISN'T A MENTAL CASE!
HE MAKES IT SOUND LIKE HE REALLY EXPECTS SOME BEMS* TO DROP IN FOR TEA!
*BUG-EYED-MONSTERS...WHAT ELSE?... SOLICITOR STAN.
AND, EVEN AS OUR ROGUISH, RED-HEADED HERO HOLDS HIS AUDIENCE SPELLBOUND...
I KNOW THEY'RE UP THERE.. WATCHING!
I'VE GOT TO FIND PROOF! I'VE GOT TO MAKE THE OTHERS REALIZE I'M NOT MAD!
I EVEN BROUGHT A PISTOL.. JUST IN CASE!
STRANGE... I'VE NEVER HEARD THE WOODS SO QUIET BEFORE!
THEN, ENTERING A CLEARING, TOM BREWSTER GAZES DOWN--- AND SUDDENLY SEES---


TRACKS!
BUT--OF WHAT??!
LOOK BEHIND YOU--AND--YOU--WILL--SEE!
N-NO!
WHY--SO--SHOCKED? IS--THIS--NOT--WHAT--YOU--WERE--SEEKING?


YOUR--WORTHLESS-- WEAPON--- CANNOT--- AFFECT--ME!
TRY--IT--AND-- YOU--SHALL-- SEE--!
I--COMMAND-- YOU--TO-- FIRE!
KRAK!
BTAM!
GUNFIRE!! FROM THE WOODS, BEYOND THE CAMPUS!!
WHERE PROFESSOR BREWSTER WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SEARCHING!
SECONDS LATER...
I SAW HIM! I SAW HIM--!
TOM! IN HEAVEN'S NAME--WHAT HAPPENED?
THAT GUN! WAS IT YOU WHO FIRED IT? WHY--WHY?
I HAD TO! IT COMMANDED ME TO SHOOT!
IT? IT WHO? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MAN?
THE ALIEN! IT WASN'T HUMAN! IT HAD AN AURA--OF SHEER, DEADLY EVIL!
IT STOOD AND LAUGHED-- AS I FIRED--!
THEN IT WALKED AWAY...INTO THE WOODS--!
ITS LAST WORDS WERE--WE'RE DOOMED! THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE IS--DOOMED!
WITHIN MINUTES, A HASTILY-SUMMONED SQUAD CAR REACHES THE SCENE...
LOOK, MISTER--YOU CAN SPOT ALL THE FLYING SAUCERS YOU WANT TO--IT'S A FREE COUNTRY!
BUT THERE'S A LAW AGAINST SHOOTIN' UP THE LANDSCAPE! THIS IS A CAMPUS, NOT A TARGET RANGE!
I'VE GOTTA TAKE YOU IN, FOR A HEARING!
BUT WE'RE WASTING TIME! THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE, I TELL YOU! SOMEONE DANGEROUS!
PD
SURE, SURE, I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT!
SOON AS WE GET YOU NICE 'N COZY, I'LL GRAB MY RAY GUN AND SHOO 'IM AWAY!
MY NAME IS MURDOCK, PROFESSOR! I'LL BE GLAD TO REPRESENT YOU IN COURT, IF YOU SHOULD NEED ME!
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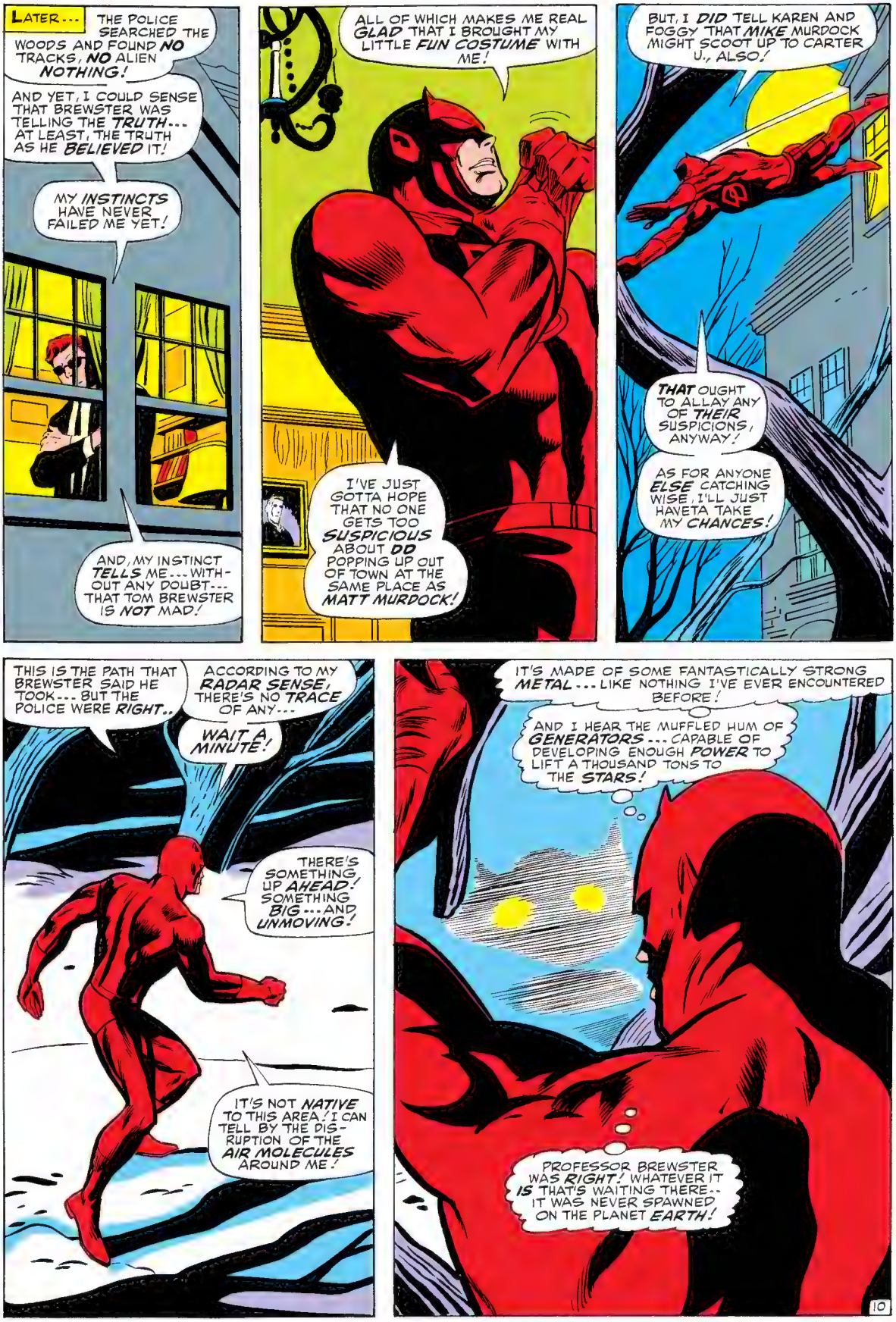
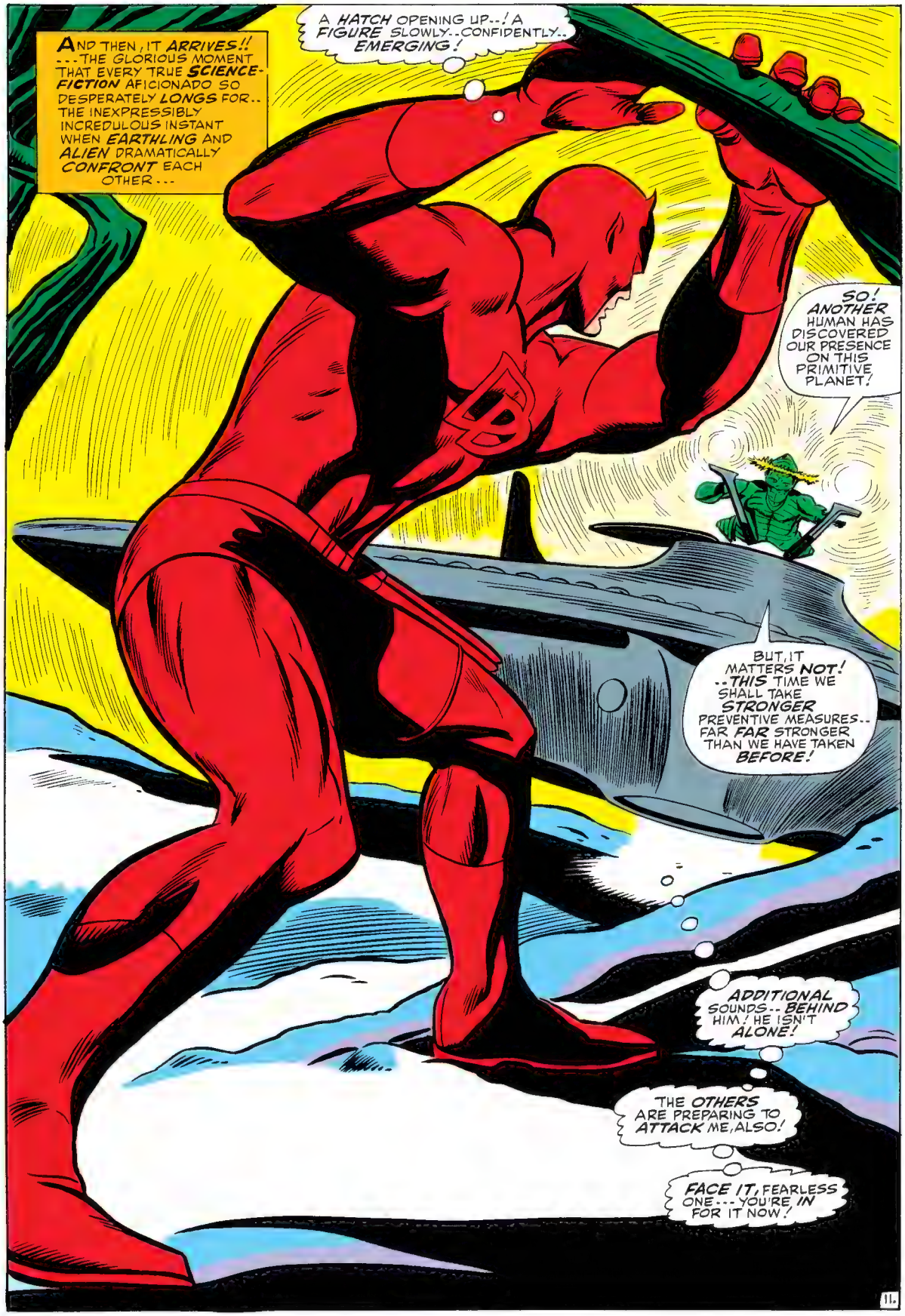
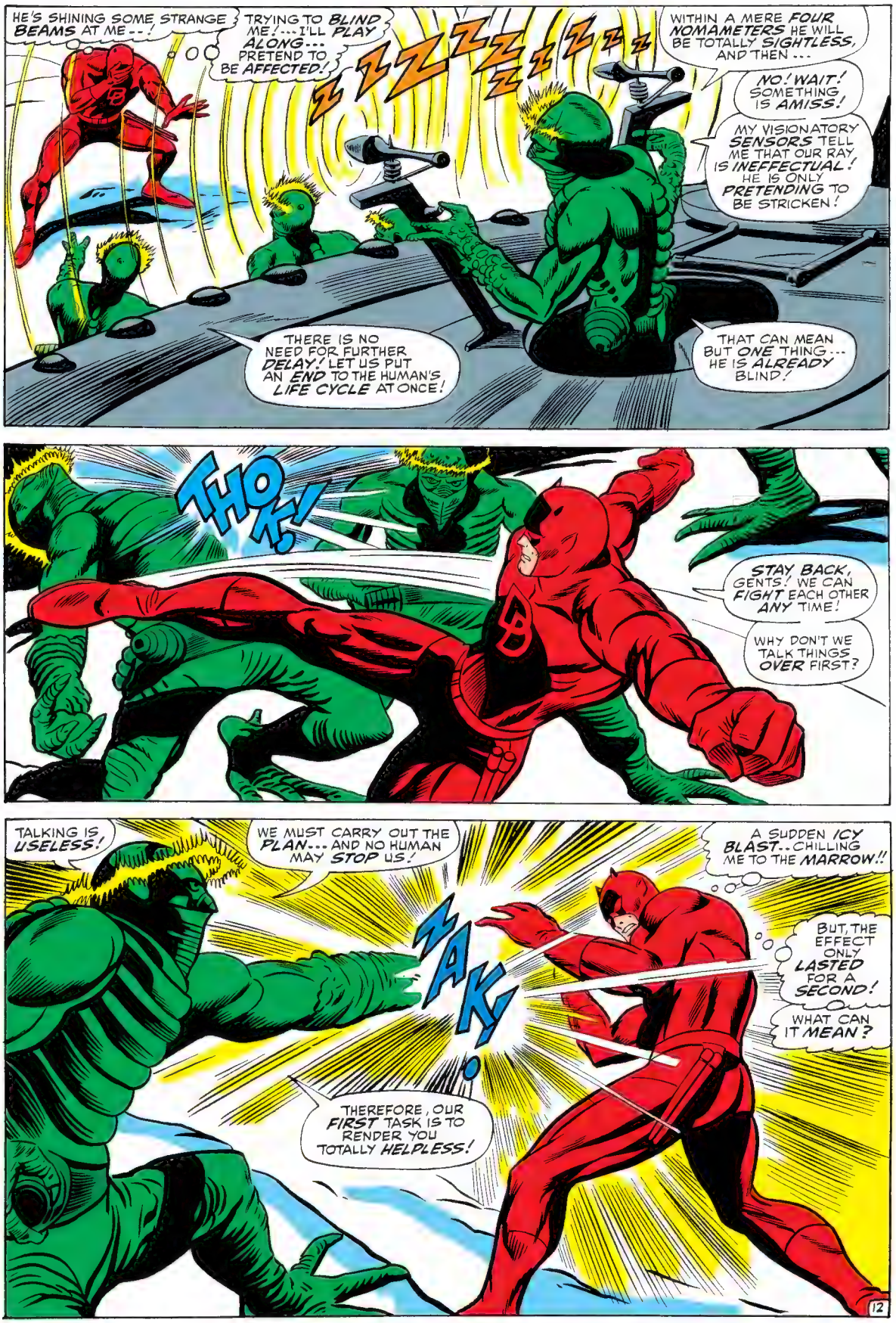

LATER...
THE POLICE SEARCHED THE WOODS AND FOUND NO TRACKS, NO ALIEN NOTHING!
AND YET, I COULD SENSE THAT BREWSTER WAS TELLING THE TRUTH... AT LEAST, THE TRUTH AS HE BELIEVED IT!
MY INSTINCTS HAVE NEVER FAILED ME YET!
AND, MY INSTINCT TELLS ME... WITHOUT ANY DOUBT... THAT TOM BREWSTER IS NOT MAD!
ALL OF WHICH MAKES ME REAL GLAD THAT I BROUGHT MY LITTLE FUN COSTUME WITH ME!
I'VE JUST GOTTA HOPE THAT NO ONE GETS TOO SUSPICIOUS ABOUT DD POPPING UP OUT OF TOWN AT THE SAME PLACE AS MATT MURDOCK!
BUT, I DID TELL KAREN AND FOGGY THAT MIKE MURDOCK MIGHT SCOOT UP TO CARTER U., ALSO!
THAT OUGHT TO ALLAY ANY OF THEIR SUSPICIONS, ANYWAY!
AS FOR ANYONE ELSE CATCHING WISE, I'LL JUST HAVETA TAKE MY CHANCES!
THIS IS THE PATH THAT BREWSTER SAID HE TOOK... BUT THE POLICE WERE RIGHT..
ACCORDING TO MY RADAR SENSE, THERE'S NO TRACE OF ANY...
WAIT A MINUTE!
THERE'S SOMETHING UP AHEAD! SOMETHING BIG... AND UNMOVING!
IT'S NOT NATIVE TO THIS AREA! I CAN TELL BY THE DISRUPTION OF THE AIR MOLECULES AROUND ME!
IT'S MADE OF SOME FANTASTICALLY STRONG METAL... LIKE NOTHING I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED BEFORE!
AND I HEAR THE MUFFLED HUM OF GENERATORS... CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING ENOUGH POWER TO LIFT A THOUSAND TONS TO THE STARS!
PROFESSOR BREWSTER WAS RIGHT! WHATEVER IT IS THAT'S WAITING THERE.. IT WAS NEVER SPAWNED ON THE PLANET EARTH!


AND THEN, IT ARRIVES!! --- THE GLORIOUS MOMENT THAT EVERY TRUE SCIENCE-FICTION AFICIONADO SO DESPERATELY LONGS FOR.. THE INEXPRESSIBLY INCREDULOUS INSTANT WHEN EARTHLING AND ALIEN DRAMATICALLY CONFRONT EACH OTHER ---
A HATCH OPENING UP--! A FIGURE SLOWLY..CONFIDENTLY.. EMERGING!
SO! ANOTHER HUMAN HAS DISCOVERED OUR PRESENCE ON THIS PRIMITIVE PLANET!
BUT, IT MATTERS NOT! --THIS TIME WE SHALL TAKE STRONGER PREVENTIVE MEASURES.. FAR FAR STRONGER THAN WE HAVE TAKEN BEFORE!
ADDITIONAL SOUNDS -- BEHIND HIM! HE ISN'T ALONE!
THE OTHERS ARE PREPARING TO ATTACK ME, ALSO!
FACE IT, FEARLESS ONE --- YOU'RE IN FOR IT NOW!


HE'S SHINING SOME STRANGE BEAMS AT ME--!
TRYING TO BLIND ME!--I'LL PLAY ALONG--- PRETEND TO BE AFFECTED!
ZZZZZZZZZZZZ
WITHIN A MERE FOUR NOMAMETERS HE WILL BE TOTALLY SIGHTLESS, AND THEN ---
NO! WAIT! SOMETHING IS AMISS!
MY VISIONATORY SENSORS TELL ME THAT OUR RAY IS INEFFECTUAL! HE IS ONLY PRETENDING TO BE STRICKEN!
THERE IS NO NEED FOR FURTHER DELAY! LET US PUT AN END TO THE HUMAN'S LIFE CYCLE AT ONCE!
THAT CAN MEAN BUT ONE THING--- HE IS ALREADY BLIND!
THOK!
STAY BACK, GENTS! WE CAN FIGHT EACH OTHER ANY TIME!
WHY DON'T WE TALK THINGS OVER FIRST?
TALKING IS USELESS!
WE MUST CARRY OUT THE PLAN--- AND NO HUMAN MAY STOP US!
A SUDDEN ICY BLAST--CHILLING ME TO THE MARROW!!
ZAK
BUT, THE EFFECT ONLY LASTED FOR A SECOND!
WHAT CAN IT MEAN?
THEREFORE, OUR FIRST TASK IS TO RENDER YOU TOTALLY HELPLESS!
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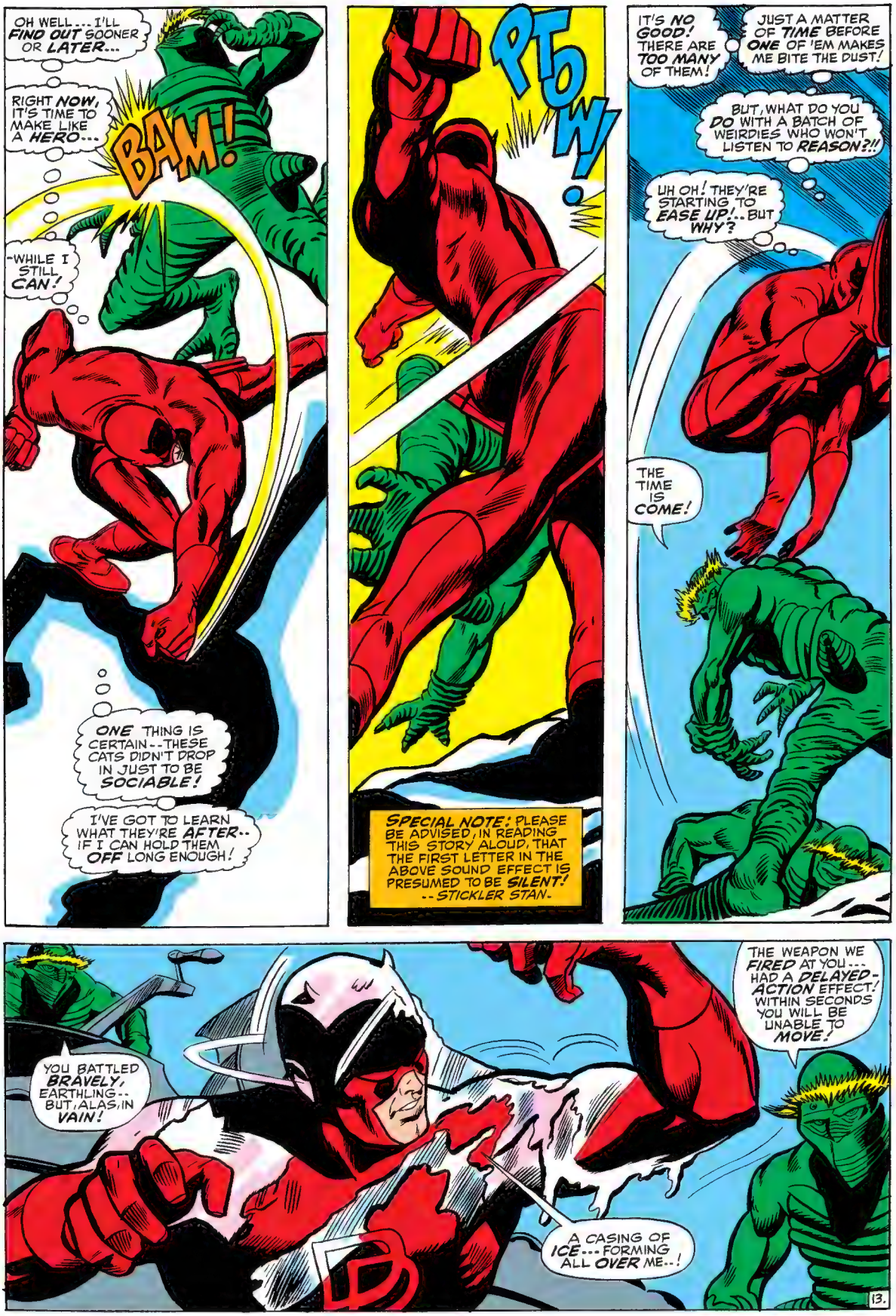
OH WELL... I'LL FIND OUT SOONER OR LATER...
RIGHT NOW, IT'S TIME TO MAKE LIKE A HERO...
BAM!
-WHILE I STILL CAN!
ONE THING IS CERTAIN--THESE CATS DIDN'T DROP IN JUST TO BE SOCIABLE!
I'VE GOT TO LEARN WHAT THEY'RE AFTER-- IF I CAN HOLD THEM OFF LONG ENOUGH!
PTOW!
SPECIAL NOTE: PLEASE BE ADVISED, IN READING THIS STORY ALOUD, THAT THE FIRST LETTER IN THE ABOVE SOUND EFFECT IS PRESUMED TO BE SILENT! --STICKLER STAN.
IT'S NO GOOD! THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!
JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE ONE OF 'EM MAKES ME BITE THE DUST!
BUT, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A BATCH OF WEIRDIES WHO WON'T LISTEN TO REASON?!!
UH OH! THEY'RE STARTING TO EASE UP!.. BUT WHY?
THE TIME IS COME!
YOU BATTLED BRAVELY, EARTHLING-- BUT, ALAS, IN VAIN!
THE WEAPON WE FIRED AT YOU--- HAD A DELAYED-ACTION EFFECT! WITHIN SECONDS YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO MOVE!
A CASING OF ICE--- FORMING ALL OVER ME--!

THEY'RE RIGHT!
IT'S LIKE BEING ENCLOSED IN CEMENT! I--I'M A LIVING STATUE!
QUICKLY TO THE SHIP WITH HIM!
WE MUST NOT LEAVE HIM HERE, WHERE HE MAY BE FOUND!
TRUE! THE TIME IS NOT YET COME FOR OUR PLAN TO BE MADE KNOWN!
I CAN'T LET IT END THIS WAY! IT'S NOT JUST MY LIFE NOW--- ALL OF EARTH IS IN DANGER!
AND YET--- WHAT CAN I DO? I CAN'T EVEN MOVE!
FASTER! OUR INSTRUMENTS TELL OF OTHER HUMANS APPROACHING!
THEY MUST NOT FIND US!
TO THE MAIN CONQUEST SITE... IMMEDIATELY!
WE CAN DELAY THE PLAN NO LONGER
SHOOSH!
BEFORE ANOTHER NOMAMETER HAS PASSED, EARTH SHALL BE OURS!!
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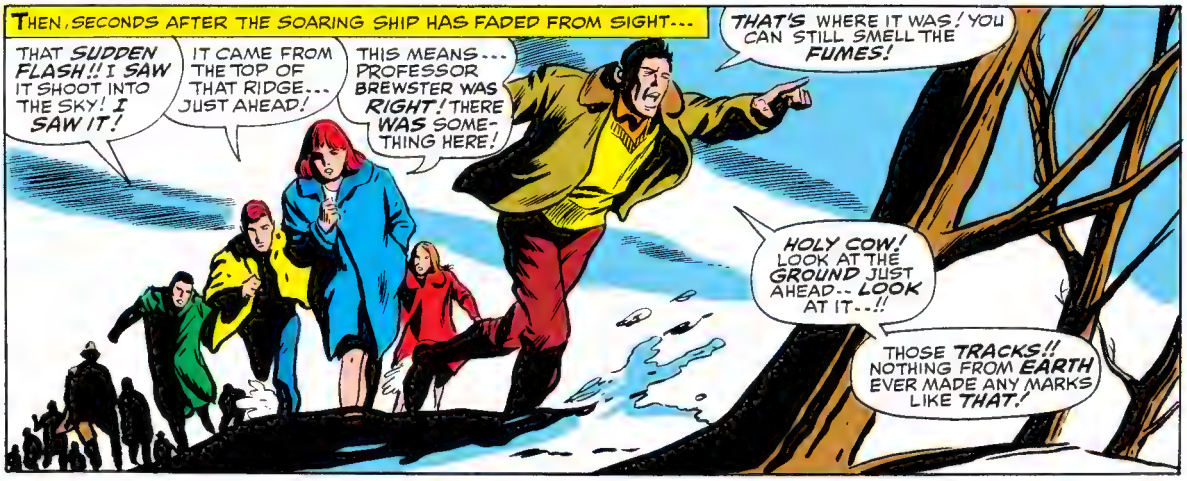
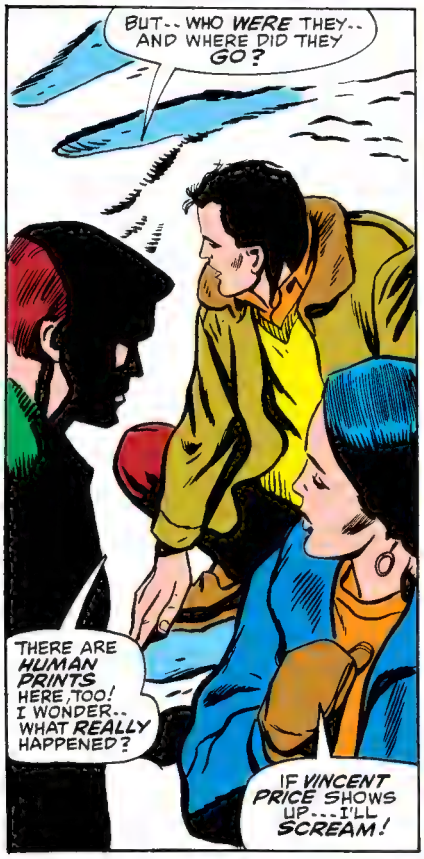
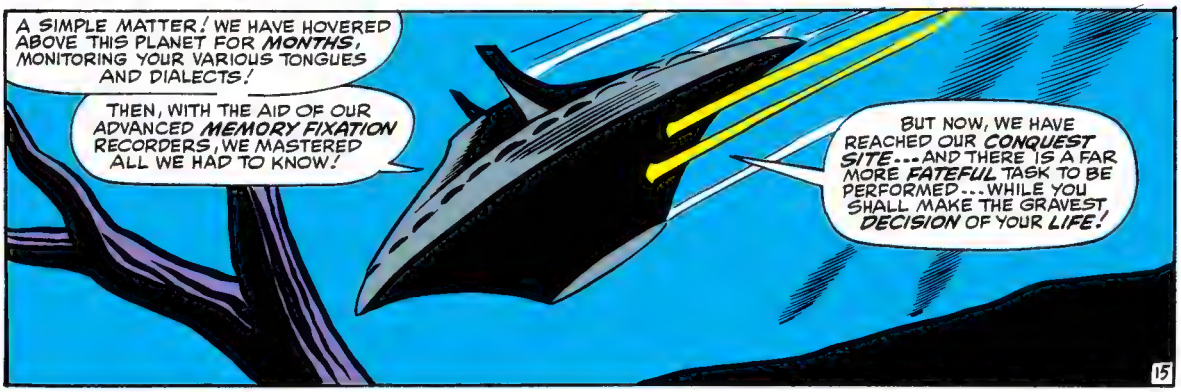
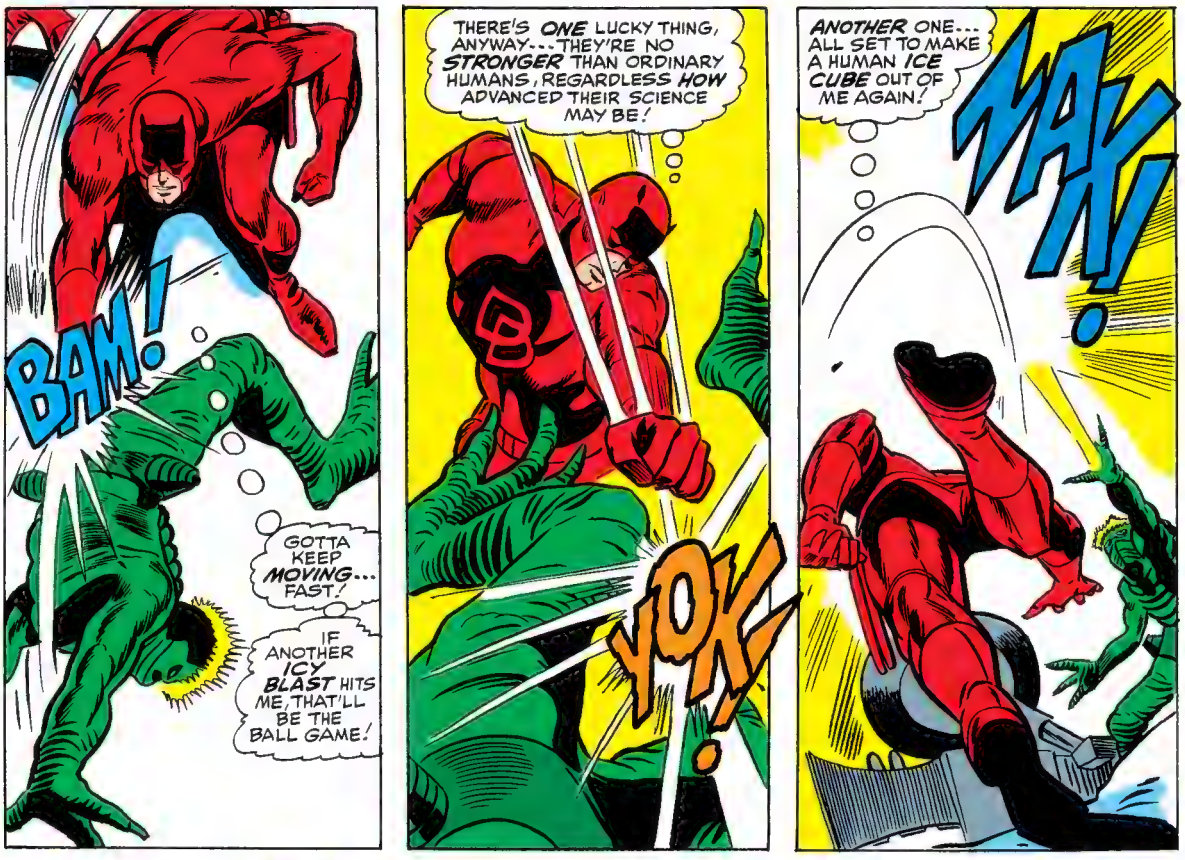

THEN, SECONDS AFTER THE SOARING SHIP HAS FADED FROM SIGHT---
THAT SUDDEN FLASH!! I SAW IT SHOOT INTO THE SKY! I SAW IT!
IT CAME FROM THE TOP OF THAT RIDGE--- JUST AHEAD!
THIS MEANS--- PROFESSOR BREWSTER WAS RIGHT! THERE WAS SOMETHING HERE!
THAT'S WHERE IT WAS! YOU CAN STILL SMELL THE FUMES!
HOLY COW! LOOK AT THE GROUND JUST AHEAD-- LOOK AT IT--!!
THOSE TRACKS!! NOTHING FROM EARTH EVER MADE ANY MARKS LIKE THAT!

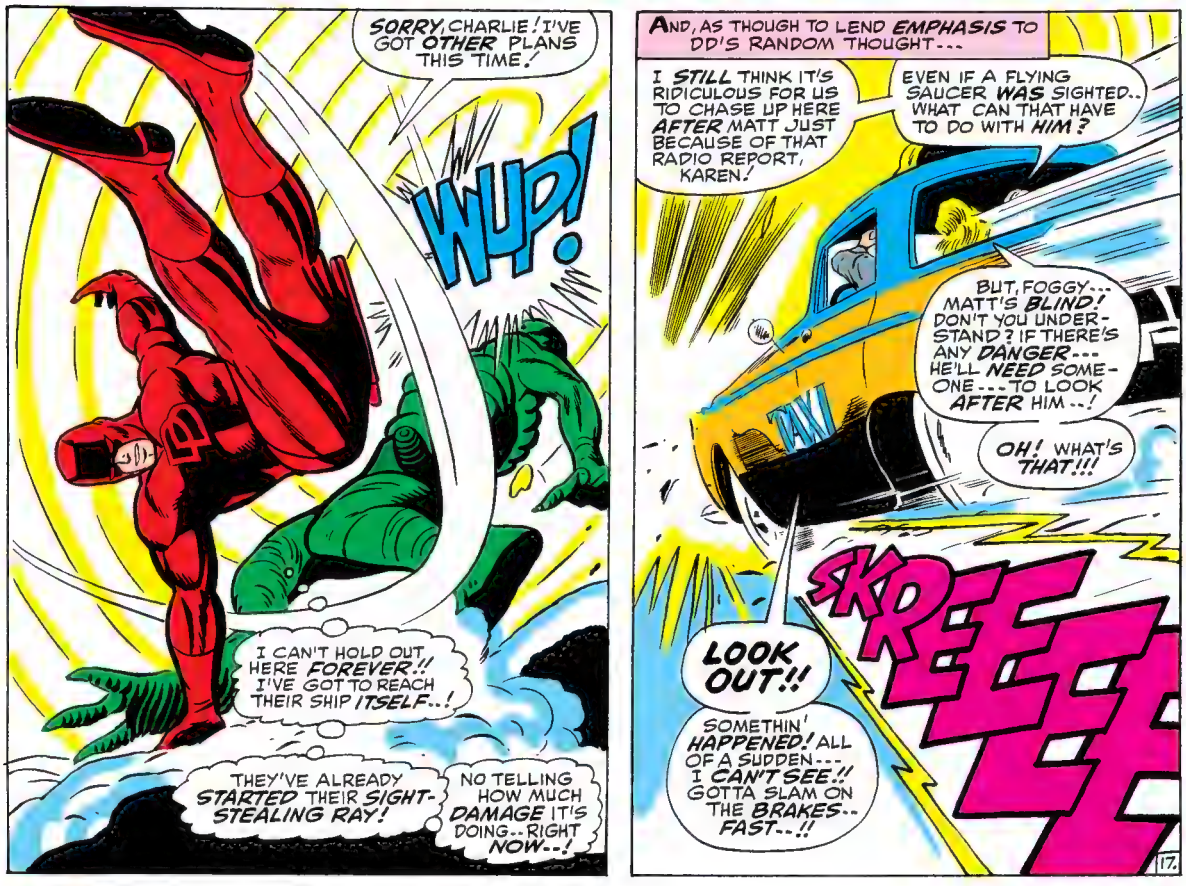

BUT-- WHO WERE THEY-- AND WHERE DID THEY GO?
THERE ARE HUMAN PRINTS HERE, TOO! I WONDER-- WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?
IF VINCENT PRICE SHOWS UP---I'LL SCREAM!

WHILE, TRAVELLING AT SONIC SPEED IN THE IONOSPHERE ABOVE ---
THE ICE HAS MELTED! YOU CAN MOVE ONCE MORE!
BUT I'M STILL YOUR PRISONER ABOARD THIS TUB, EH?
NATURALLY! WE COULD NOT AFFORD TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND!
HOWEVER, WE ARE MOST IMPRESSED WITH YOUR COURAGE--- AND WISH TO MAKE YOU AN OFFER---!
I MIGHT AS WELL HEAR THEM OUT! I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH CHOICE!
BEFORE WE DO ANY BARGAINING, TELL ME SOMETHING--- HOW DO YOU HAPPEN TO SPEAK OUR LINGO?


A SIMPLE MATTER! WE HAVE HOVERED ABOVE THIS PLANET FOR MONTHS, MONITORING YOUR VARIOUS TONGUES AND DIALECTS!
THEN, WITH THE AID OF OUR ADVANCED MEMORY FIXATION RECORDERS, WE MASTERED ALL WE HAD TO KNOW!
BUT NOW, WE HAVE REACHED OUR CONQUEST SITE--- AND THERE IS A FAR MORE FATEFUL TASK TO BE PERFORMED--- WHILE YOU SHALL MAKE THE GRAVEST DECISION OF YOUR LIFE!

THEN, SOON AFTER LANDING...
ACTIVATE THE SIGHT-STEALING RAY!
SET IT FOR CONTINUAL INCREASE.. TILL MAXIMUM INTENSITY IS ACHIEVED!
THIS IS WHY WE NEED NO LARGE, INVADING ARMY!
WE MERELY MAKE A PLANET'S POPULATION UNABLE TO SEE...AS WE GO ABOUT OUR NECESSARY TASK!
YOU HAVEN'T YET TOLD ME...WHAT IS YOUR OBJECTIVE? THE CONQUEST OF EARTH?
HOW RIDICULOUS! WHY WOULD WE DESIRE TO CONQUER SO UNIMPORTANT A PLANET? ONLY AN EARTH-MAN WOULD ASK SUCH A QUESTION!
ALL WE SEEK ARE THE MINERALS TO BE FOUND ON THIS WORLD! WE HAVE MEANS OF TRANSFERRING THEM TO OUR OWN GALAXY!
BUT, DEPRIVE US OF OUR PRECIOUS MINERALS, AND HALF THE POPULATION WOULD PERISH!
AN UNFORTUNATE EVENTUALITY... BUT IT CANNOT BE HELPED! WE MUST HAVE YOUR MINERAL WEALTH!
AND WHAT OF THE OFFER YOU WERE ABOUT TO MAKE ME?
WE HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR COURAGE! IF YOU JOIN US, WE WILL SPARE YOUR LIFE!
AND, WE CAN OFFER YOU THE GREATEST GIFT...
WE POSSESS THE MEANS TO RESTORE YOUR SIGHT TO YOU! SAY THE WORD, AND YOU WILL SEE ONCE MORE!
THINK OF THE MATCH-LESS WONDERS YOU MIGHT BEHOLD... TRAVELLING WITH US THROUGH THE ENDLESS GALAXIES.. RAVAGING ENTIRE PLANETS AT WILL!
STRIPPING OTHER WORLDS OF THEIR MINERALS...NOT CARING HOW MUCH DAMAGE YOU DO.. HOW MUCH DISASTER YOU CAUSE?
HAVE A CARE! THE WRONG ANSWER MEANS YOU DIE!
MAYBE SO... BUT I'LL DIE LIKE A MAN...NOT A MURDEROUS SCAVENGER!
BOK!
AND, IN CASE YOU DIDN'T GET THE MESSAGE!..
THIS'LL SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU!


BAM!
GOTTA KEEP MOVING... FAST!
IF ANOTHER ICY BLAST HITS ME, THAT'LL BE THE BALL GAME!
THERE'S ONE LUCKY THING, ANYWAY---THEY'RE NO STRONGER THAN ORDINARY HUMANS, REGARDLESS HOW ADVANCED THEIR SCIENCE MAY BE!
YOK!
ANOTHER ONE... ALL SET TO MAKE A HUMAN ICE CUBE OUT OF ME AGAIN!
YAK!


SORRY, CHARLIE! I'VE GOT OTHER PLANS THIS TIME!
WUP!
I CAN'T HOLD OUT HERE FOREVER!! I'VE GOT TO REACH THEIR SHIP ITSELF..!
THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED THEIR SIGHT-STEALING RAY!
NO TELLING HOW MUCH DAMAGE IT'S DOING--RIGHT NOW--!
AND, AS THOUGH TO LEND EMPHASIS TO DD'S RANDOM THOUGHT---
I STILL THINK IT'S RIDICULOUS FOR US TO CHASE UP HERE AFTER MATT JUST BECAUSE OF THAT RADIO REPORT, KAREN!
EVEN IF A FLYING SAUCER WAS SIGHTED.. WHAT CAN THAT HAVE TO DO WITH HIM?
BUT, FOGGY--- MATT'S BLIND! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? IF THERE'S ANY DANGER--- HE'LL NEED SOMEONE---TO LOOK AFTER HIM--!
OH! WHAT'S THAT!!!
TAXI
SKREEE
LOOK OUT!!
SOMETHIN' HAPPENED! ALL OF A SUDDEN--- I CAN'T SEE!! GOTTA SLAM ON THE BRAKES-- FAST--!!

KAREN! I--I CAN'T SEE EITHER!!
NOR CAN I! IT'S JUST AS THOUGH--- SOMETHING'S TAKEN-- ALL THE LIGHT... OUT OF THE WORLD..!!
WHAT CAN IT BE?? WHAT-- WHAT ON EARTH--- DOES IT MEAN..?
HELP ME!! SOMEBODY HELP ME..! I CAN'T SEE!
KAREN.. LISTEN! THERE ARE OTHERS! IT AFFECTED... EVERYBODY!
WHAT HAPPENED? WHY CAN'T I SEE?
IT'S LIKE A NIGHTMARE!! BUT, IT'S REAL! WE--WE'VE ALL BECOME--BLIND!
AND, THROUGHOUT THE GLOBE, THE EFFECT IS THE SAME! NOT A SINGLE INHABITED AREA ESCAPES THE ALIENS' UNCANNY RAY---!
I'm Blind!
I CAN'T SEE! I CAN'T SEE!
THE LIGHT IS GONE! I AM SIGHTLESS!
MUHAMMUD HAS TURNED HIS FACE AWAY!
WHAT HAVE THE KAPITALISTS DONE TO US??
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WHILE, BACK AT THE ALIENS' SO-CALLED CONQUEST SITE, THE GRIM BATTLE ENTERS ITS FINAL DESPERATE STAGE---
HUMAN--- YOU ARE A FOOL!
WE OFFERED YOU THE GIFT OF SIGHT... BUT YOU CHOSE TO DEFY US INSTEAD OF BETRAYING YOUR OWN, DOOMED RACE!
IT'S NO GOOD! NO MATTER HOW MANY I OVERCOME, THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER TO TAKE HIS PLACE!
OUR PATIENCE HAS FINALLY REACHED ITS LIMIT--!
THEREFORE, YOU MUST NOW PREPARE TO DIE!
SKLAKK
NOT WHILE I CAN STILL SLING A MEAN OL' SNOWBALL, I WON'T!
THOP!
ANOTHER ONE--- SNEAKING UP BEHIND... READY TO HURL A KING-SIZE ICE BLAST!!
NO TIME TO TACKLE 'IM!!
ALL I CAN DO-- IS--- DUCK!!
ZAK!
---AND HOPE THAT I WAS IN EXACTLY THE POSITION I WANTED TO BE!!
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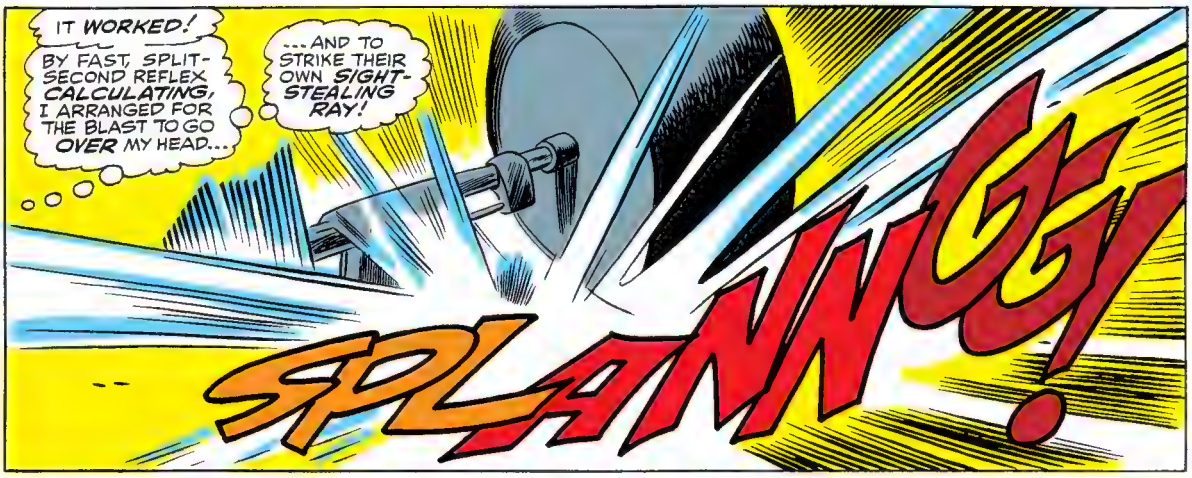
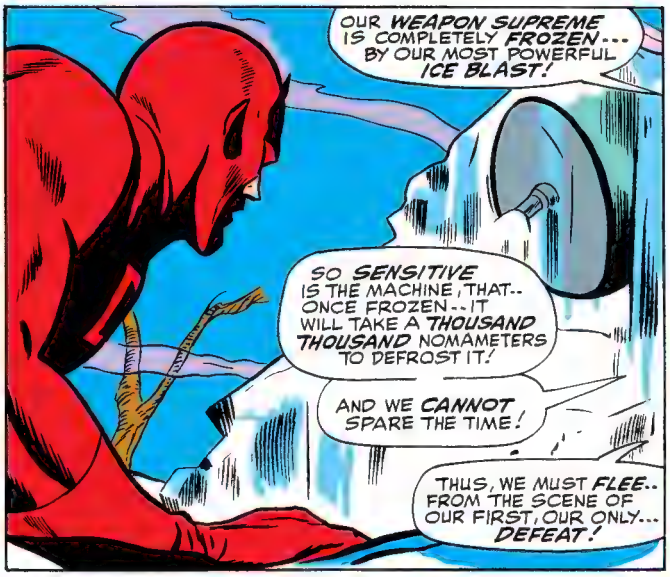
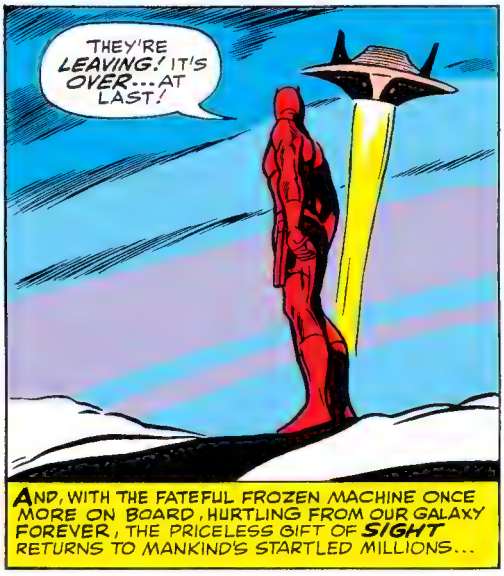
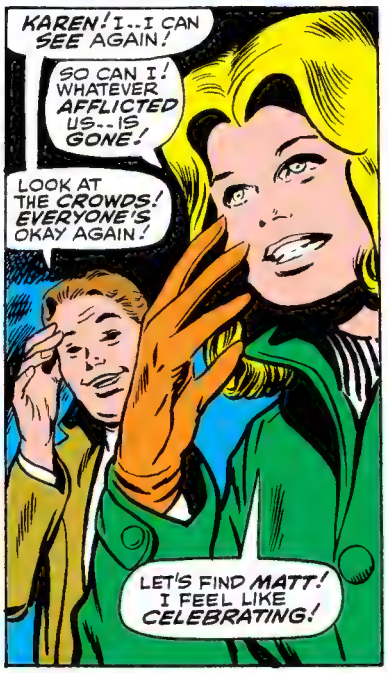
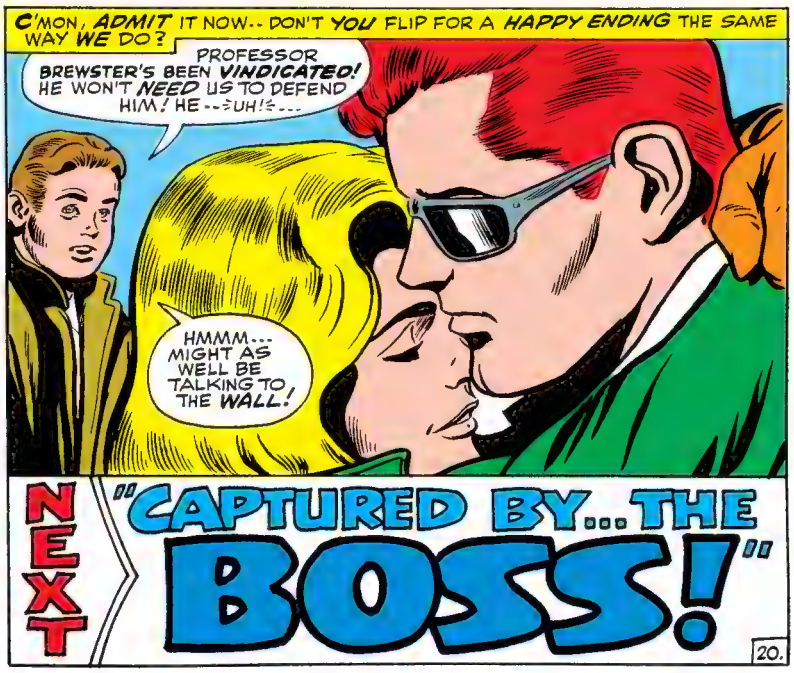
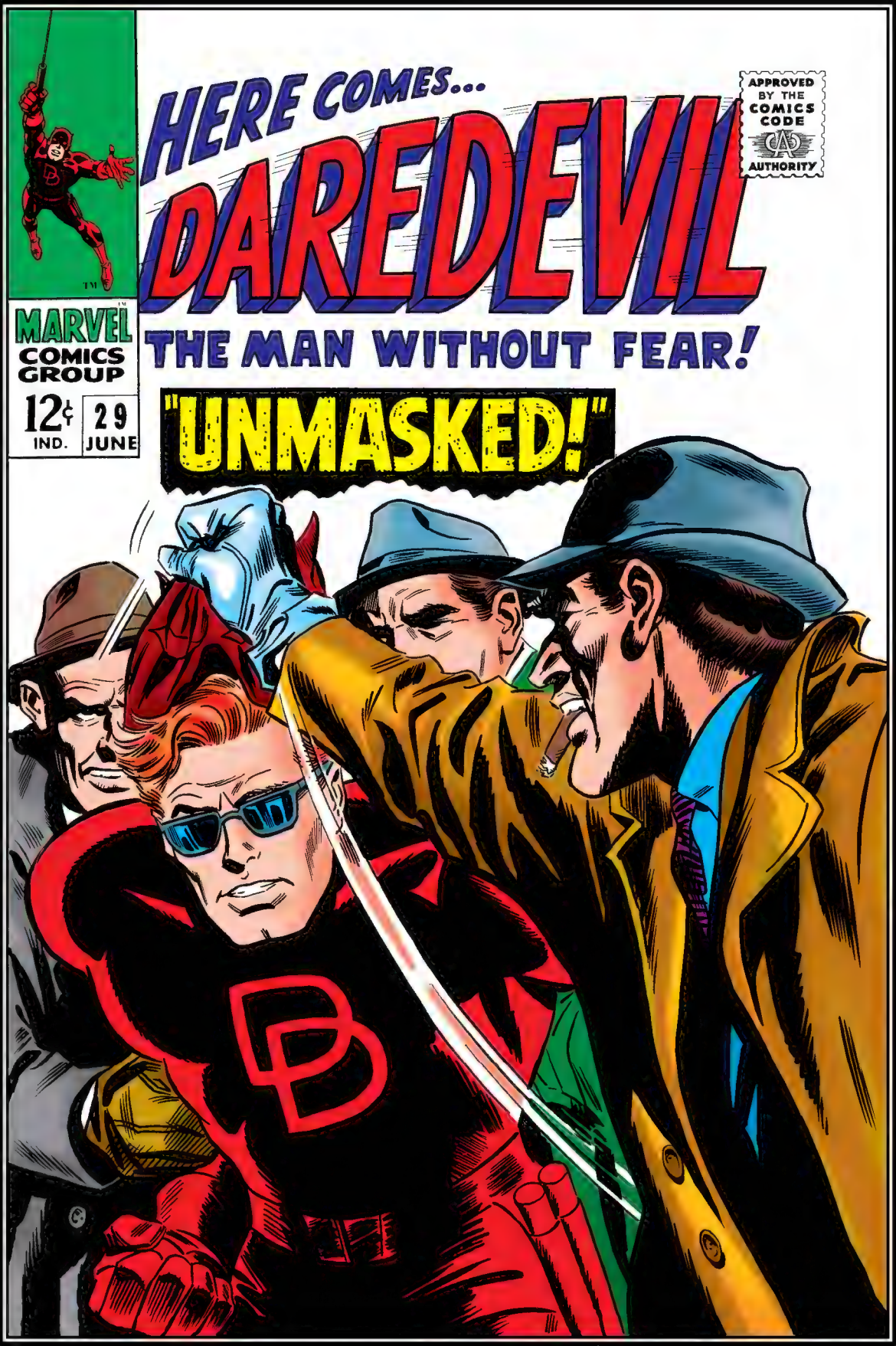

IT WORKED!
BY FAST, SPLIT-SECOND REFLEX CALCULATING, I ARRANGED FOR THE BLAST TO GO OVER MY HEAD...
...AND TO STRIKE THEIR OWN SIGHT-STEALING RAY!
SPLANNG!


OUR WEAPON SUPREME IS COMPLETELY FROZEN--- BY OUR MOST POWERFUL ICE BLAST!
SO SENSITIVE IS THE MACHINE, THAT-- ONCE FROZEN--IT WILL TAKE A THOUSAND THOUSAND NOMAMETERS TO DEFROST IT!
AND WE CANNOT SPARE THE TIME!
THUS, WE MUST FLEE.. FROM THE SCENE OF OUR FIRST, OUR ONLY... DEFEAT!


THEY'RE LEAVING! IT'S OVER---AT LAST!
AND, WITH THE FATEFUL FROZEN MACHINE ONCE MORE ON BOARD, HURTLING FROM OUR GALAXY FOREVER, THE PRICELESS GIFT OF SIGHT RETURNS TO MANKIND'S STARTLED MILLIONS...


KAREN! I--I CAN SEE AGAIN!
SO CAN I! WHATEVER AFFLICTED US--IS GONE!
LOOK AT THE CROWDS! EVERYONE'S OKAY AGAIN!
LET'S FIND MATT! I FEEL LIKE CELEBRATING!


C'MON, ADMIT IT NOW-- DON'T YOU FLIP FOR A HAPPY ENDING THE SAME WAY WE DO?
PROFESSOR BREWSTER'S BEEN VINDICATED! HE WON'T NEED US TO DEFEND HIM! HE--?UH!?...
HMMM... MIGHT AS WELL BE TALKING TO THE WALL!
NEXT
"CAPTURED BY... THE BOSS!"


HERE COMES...
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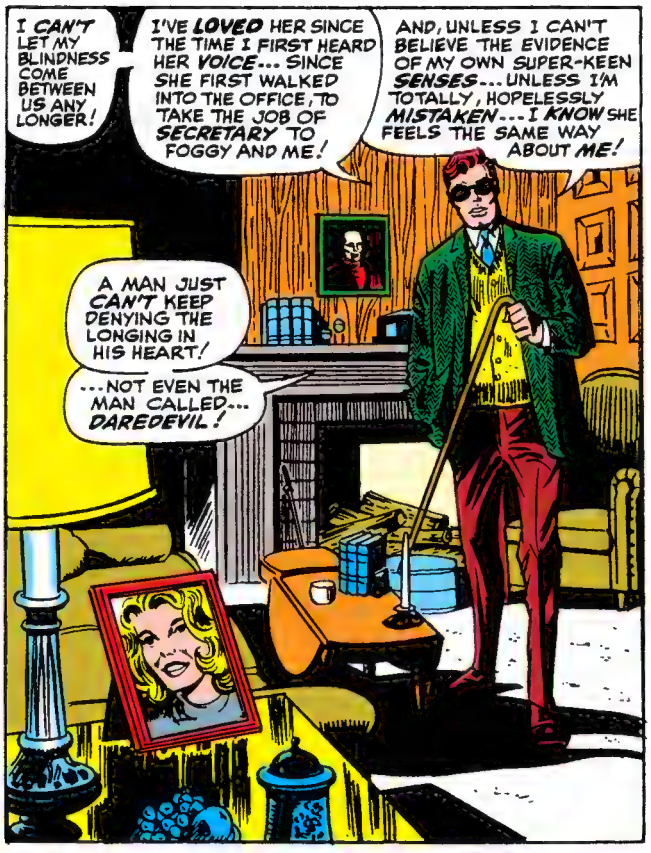
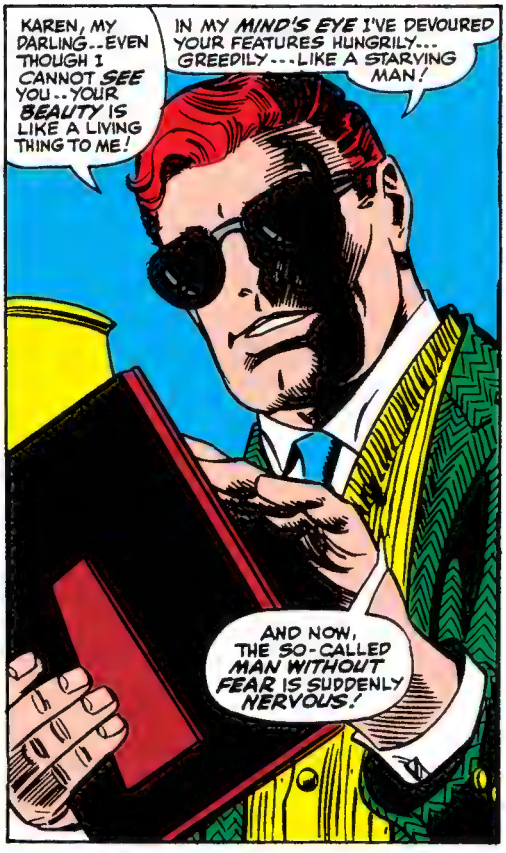
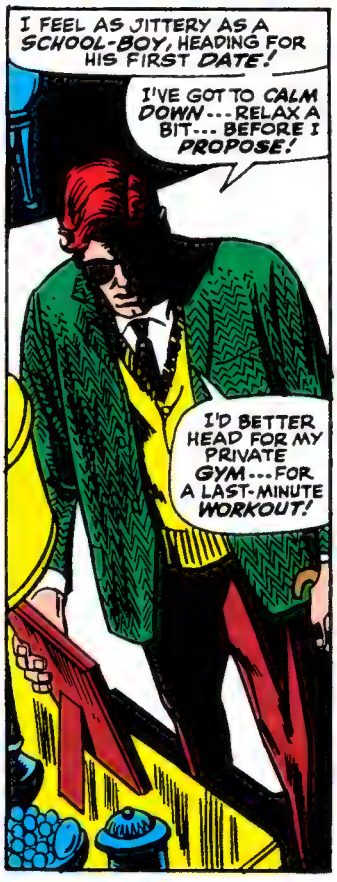
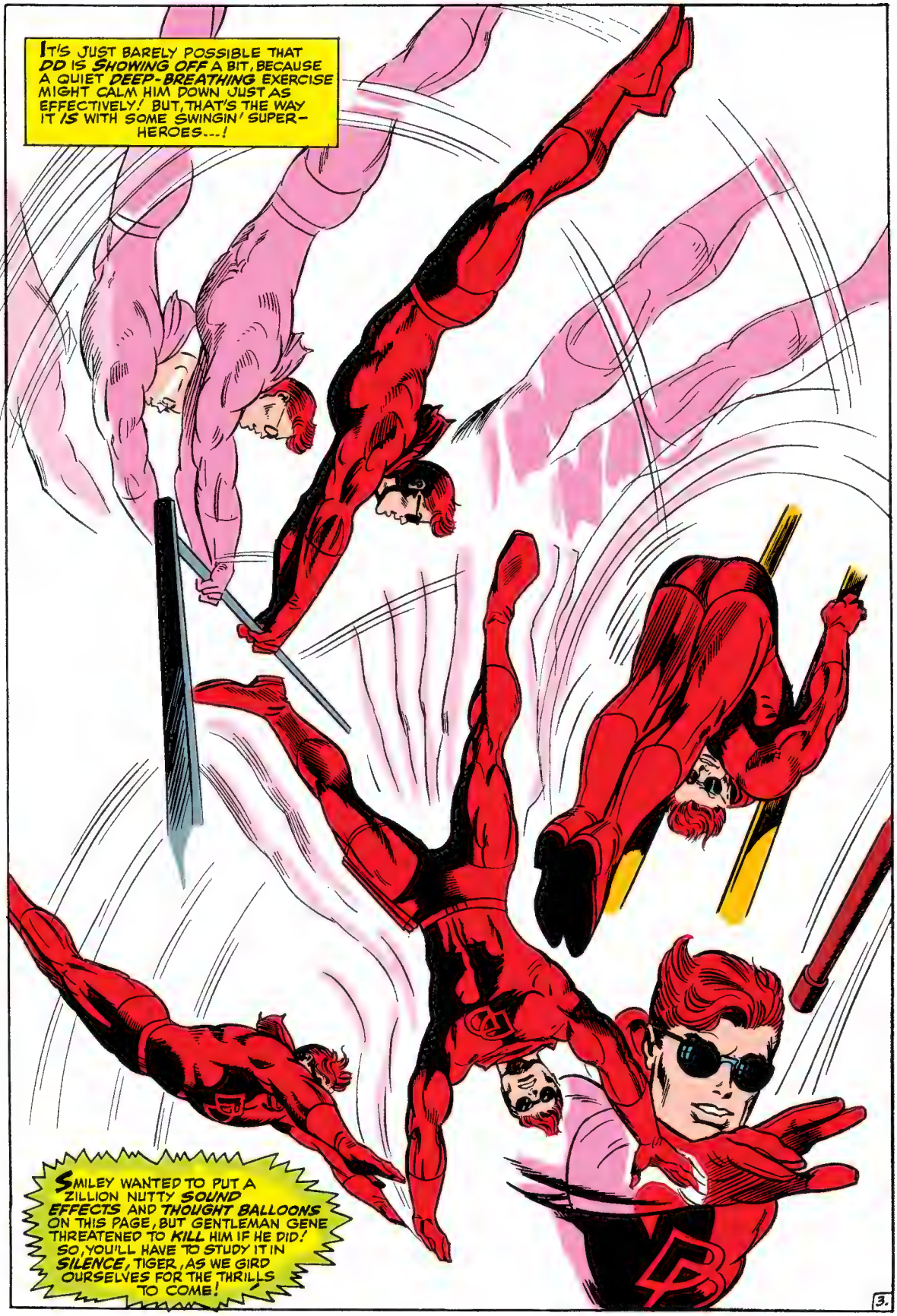
"UNMASKED!"
IN WHICH D.D. IS CAPTURED BY THE HEINOUS HIRELINGS OF THE HEARTLESS HOOD THEY CALL... THE BOSS!
MY MIND'S MADE UP!! I WON'T--- I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER!
I'VE JUST GOT TO ASK KAREN TO MARRY ME!
NOW, THE ONLY THING LEFT FOR ME TO DECIDE IS---
DO I PROPOSE TO HER AS MATT MURDOCK --- OR AS MY OWN "TWIN BROTHER", MIKE?
GARNISHED WITH GREATNESS and GLAZED WITH GLORY by:
SMILIN' STAN LEE and GENIAL GENE COLAN
INKED BY: J. TARTAGLIONE LETTERED BY: SAM ROSEN

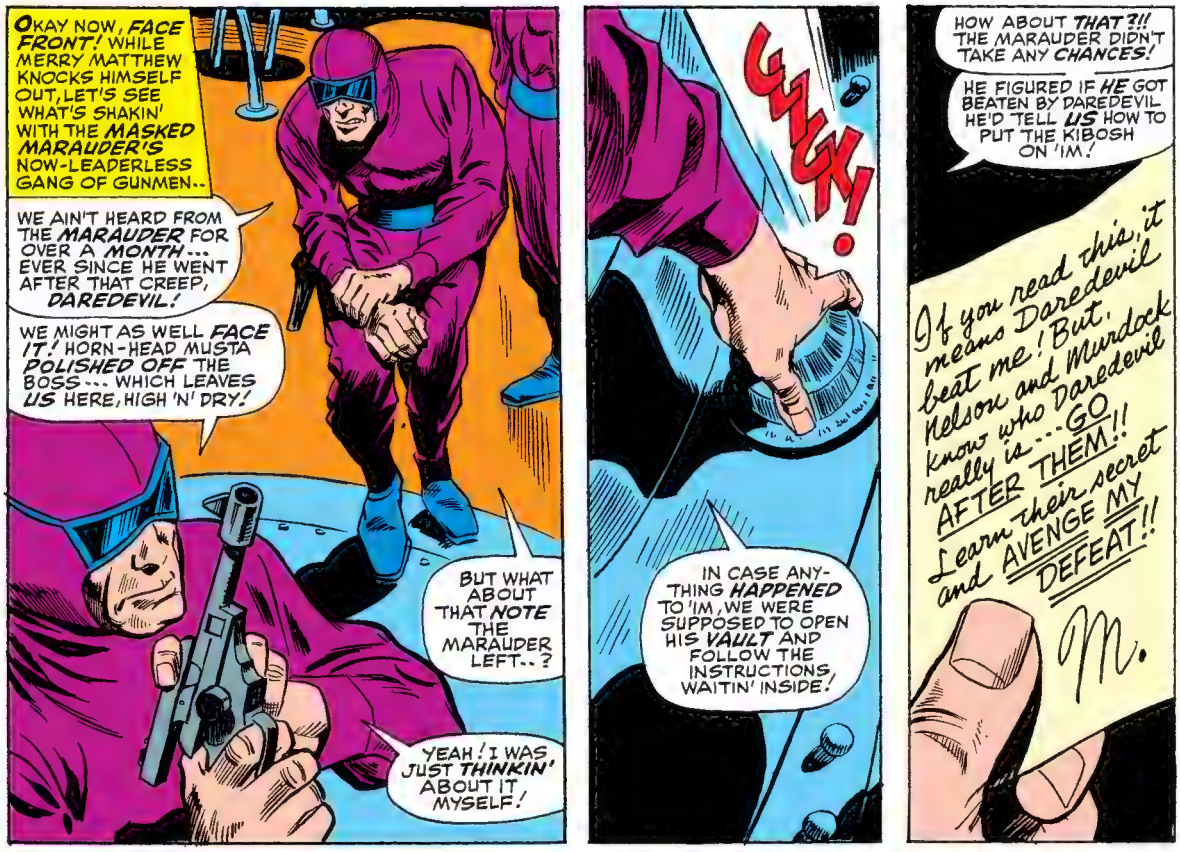

I CAN'T LET MY BLINDNESS COME BETWEEN US ANY LONGER!
I'VE LOVED HER SINCE THE TIME I FIRST HEARD HER VOICE... SINCE SHE FIRST WALKED INTO THE OFFICE, TO TAKE THE JOB OF SECRETARY TO FOGGY AND ME!
AND, UNLESS I CAN'T BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE OF MY OWN SUPER-KEEN SENSES... UNLESS I'M TOTALLY, HOPELESSLY MISTAKEN... I KNOW SHE FEELS THE SAME WAY ABOUT ME!
A MAN JUST CAN'T KEEP DENYING THE LONGING IN HIS HEART!
...NOT EVEN THE MAN CALLED... DAREDEVIL!


KAREN, MY DARLING..EVEN THOUGH I CANNOT SEE YOU..YOUR BEAUTY IS LIKE A LIVING THING TO ME!
IN MY MIND'S EYE I'VE DEVOURED YOUR FEATURES HUNGRILY... GREEDILY...LIKE A STARVING MAN!
AND NOW, THE SO-CALLED MAN WITHOUT FEAR IS SUDDENLY NERVOUS!

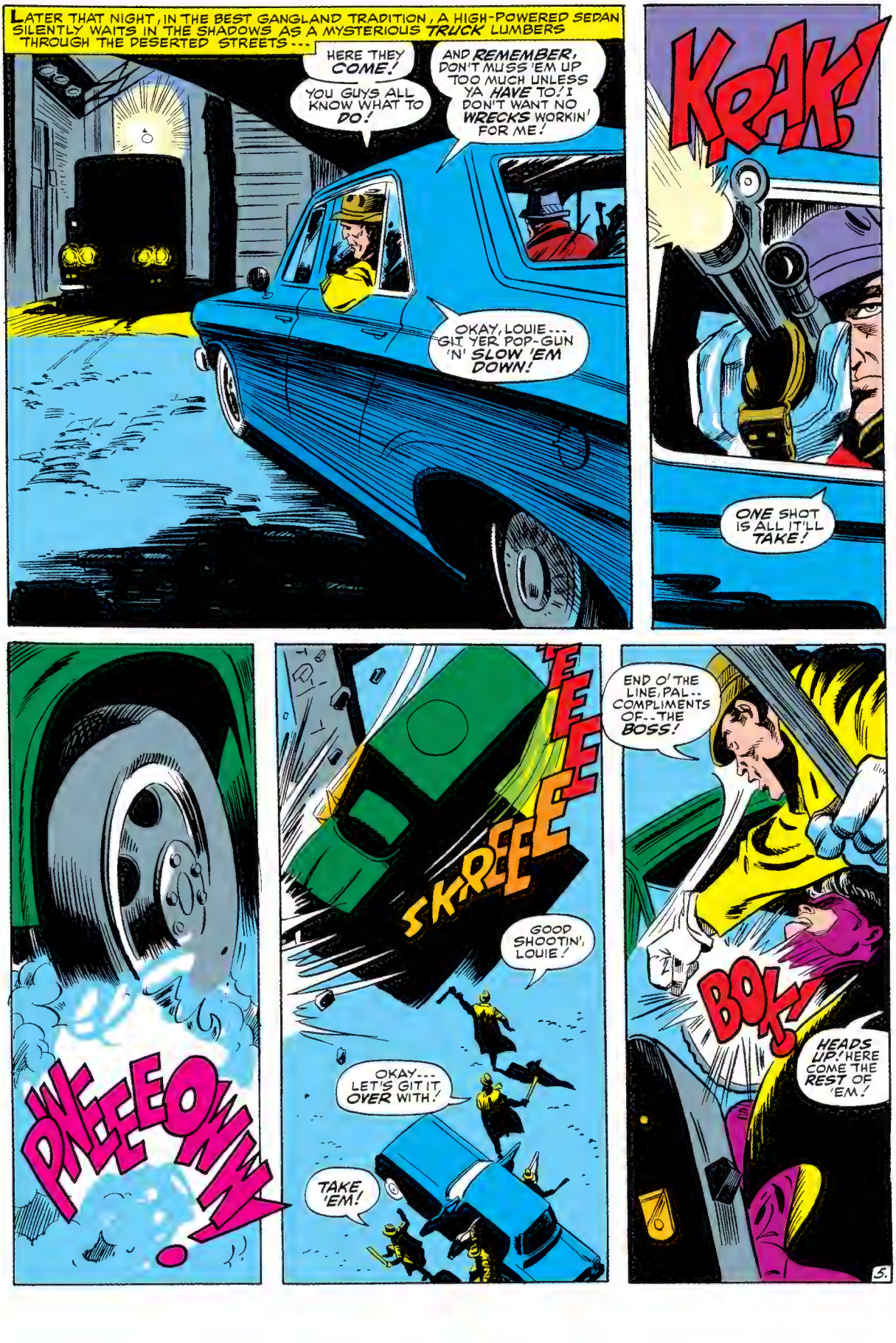

I FEEL AS JITTERY AS A SCHOOL-BOY, HEADING FOR HIS FIRST DATE!
I'VE GOT TO CALM DOWN...RELAX A BIT... BEFORE I PROPOSE!
I'D BETTER HEAD FOR MY PRIVATE GYM...FOR A LAST-MINUTE WORKOUT!

SECONDS LATER, IN THE SOUND-PROOFED APARTMENT WHICH MATT SECRETLY RENTS, DIRECTLY BELOW HIS OWN LIVING QUARTERS, WE FIND...
IF THIS DOESN'T CLEAR OUT THE OL' COBWEBS, NOTHING WILL!
NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE HIGH-BAR HIJINKS TO MAKE A FELLA FEEL AS GOOD AS NEW AGAIN!


IT'S JUST BARELY POSSIBLE THAT DD IS SHOWING OFF A BIT, BECAUSE A QUIET DEEP-BREATHING EXERCISE MIGHT CALM HIM DOWN JUST AS EFFECTIVELY! BUT, THAT'S THE WAY IT IS WITH SOME SWINGIN' SUPER-HEROES...!
SMILEY WANTED TO PUT A ZILLION NUTTY SOUND EFFECTS AND THOUGHT BALLOONS ON THIS PAGE, BUT GENTLEMAN GENE THREATENED TO KILL HIM IF HE DID! SO, YOU'LL HAVE TO STUDY IT IN SILENCE, TIGER, AS WE GIRD OURSELVES FOR THE THRILLS TO COME!


OKAY NOW, FACE FRONT! WHILE MERRY MATTHEW KNOCKS HIMSELF OUT, LET'S SEE WHAT'S SHAKIN' WITH THE MASKED MARAUDER'S NOW-LEADERLESS GANG OF GUNMEN--
WE AIN'T HEARD FROM THE MARAUDER FOR OVER A MONTH... EVER SINCE HE WENT AFTER THAT CREEP, DAREDEVIL!
WE MIGHT AS WELL FACE IT! HORN-HEAD MUSTA POLISHED OFF THE BOSS... WHICH LEAVES US HERE, HIGH 'N' DRY!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT NOTE THE MARAUDER LEFT..?
YEAH! I WAS JUST THINKIN' ABOUT IT MYSELF!
UNGH!
IN CASE ANYTHING HAPPENED TO 'IM, WE WERE SUPPOSED TO OPEN HIS VAULT AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS WAITIN' INSIDE!
HOW ABOUT THAT?!! THE MARAUDER DIDN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!
HE FIGURED IF HE GOT BEATEN BY DAREDEVIL HE'D TELL US HOW TO PUT THE KIBOSH ON 'IM!
If you read this, it means Daredevil beat me! But, Nelson and Murdock know who Daredevil really is--GO AFTER THEM!! Learn their secret and AVENGE MY DEFEAT!!
M.

EXACTLY ONE HOUR LATER, DIRECTLY ACROSS TOWN...
SO YOU'RE GONNA TELL ME HOW I CAN TAKE OVER THE MARAUDER'S MOB, EH?
OKAY, START TALKIN'!
I JUST CAME FROM A MEETING OF HIS BOYS!
MY LIFE WOULDN'T BE WORTH A PLUGGED NICKEL IF THEY KNEW I WAS SPILLIN' THE BEANS TO--THE BOSS!
BUT I FIGGER... WITH THE MARAUDER GONE--THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE BIG ENOUGH TO FILL HIS SHOES!
ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS HIJACK HIS SPECIAL TRUCK TONIGHT! IT'LL BE HEADIN' FOR THE OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK!
IT SOUNDS INTERESTIN', PAL! YEAH... REAL INTERESTIN'!
GRAB YER HATS, YOU GUYS!
BEFORE THIS EVENING'S OVER, THE MARAUDER'S MEN'LL BE WORKIN' FER ME... THE BOSS!
AND IF THIS STOOLIE IS LEVELLIN' WITH US, WE'LL BE ABLE TO DUST OFF DAREDEVIL, ALSO!


LATER THAT NIGHT, IN THE BEST GANGLAND TRADITION, A HIGH-POWERED SEDAN SILENTLY WAITS IN THE SHADOWS AS A MYSTERIOUS TRUCK LUMBERS THROUGH THE DESERTED STREETS ---
HERE THEY COME!
YOU GUYS ALL KNOW WHAT TO DO!
AND REMEMBER, DON'T MUSS 'EM UP TOO MUCH UNLESS YA HAVE TO! I DON'T WANT NO WRECKS WORKIN' FOR ME!
OKAY, LOUIE--- GIT YER POP-GUN 'N' SLOW 'EM DOWN!
KRAK!
ONE SHOT IS ALL IT'LL TAKE!
PNEEEOWW!
EEEE
SKREEE
GOOD SHOOTIN', LOUIE!
OKAY--- LET'S GIT IT OVER WITH!
TAKE 'EM!
END O' THE LINE, PAL-- COMPLIMENTS OF--THE BOSS!
BOK!
HEADS UP! HERE COME THE REST OF 'EM!
5.

ZUK!
HEY! IT'S THE BOSS!
WE AIN'T GOT A CHANCE AGAINST HIS MOB!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!
OKAY, YOU GUYS-- COOL IT! IT'S OUR BALL GAME!
YOU HEARD THE BOSS, DIDN'T YA?
C'MON... ON YER FEET! THE PARTY'S OVER!
IT WAS A REAL BREEZE! THEY NEVER EVEN KNEW WHAT HIT 'EM!
FROM NOW ON, YOU CREEPS ARE WORKIN' FOR ME!
NOW GIT BACK IN THAT TRUCK! YOU'RE STILL GOIN' AFTER DAREDEVIL ---
BUT IT'S GONNA BE THE BOSS WHO WHISTLES THE TUNE FOR YA!
AND, AS CONTROL OF THE MARAUDER'S MOB THUS CHANGES HANDS ---
CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! I'VE JUST GOT TO SEE HER NOW!
KAREN AND FOGGY WERE GONNA WORK LATE TONIGHT, SO I KNOW SHE'LL BE THERE!
IF ONLY I COULD REACH HER FASTER!! THE SUSPENSE IS KILLING ME!
BUT, SHE JUST HAS TO SAY "YES"!
I COULDN'T FEEL THE WAY I DO ABOUT HER IF SHE DIDN'T FEEL THE SAME ABOUT ME!
AT LEAST... THAT'S WHAT I KEEP TELLING MYSELF!
BUT, I STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT... DO I PROPOSE TO HER AS MATT MURDOCK... OR SHOULD I POP THE QUESTION AS MIKE?
IF ONLY I MYSELF KNEW WHICH ONE OF US IS THE REAL ME!!
BUT, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE... AS LONG AS SHE SAYS YES!!
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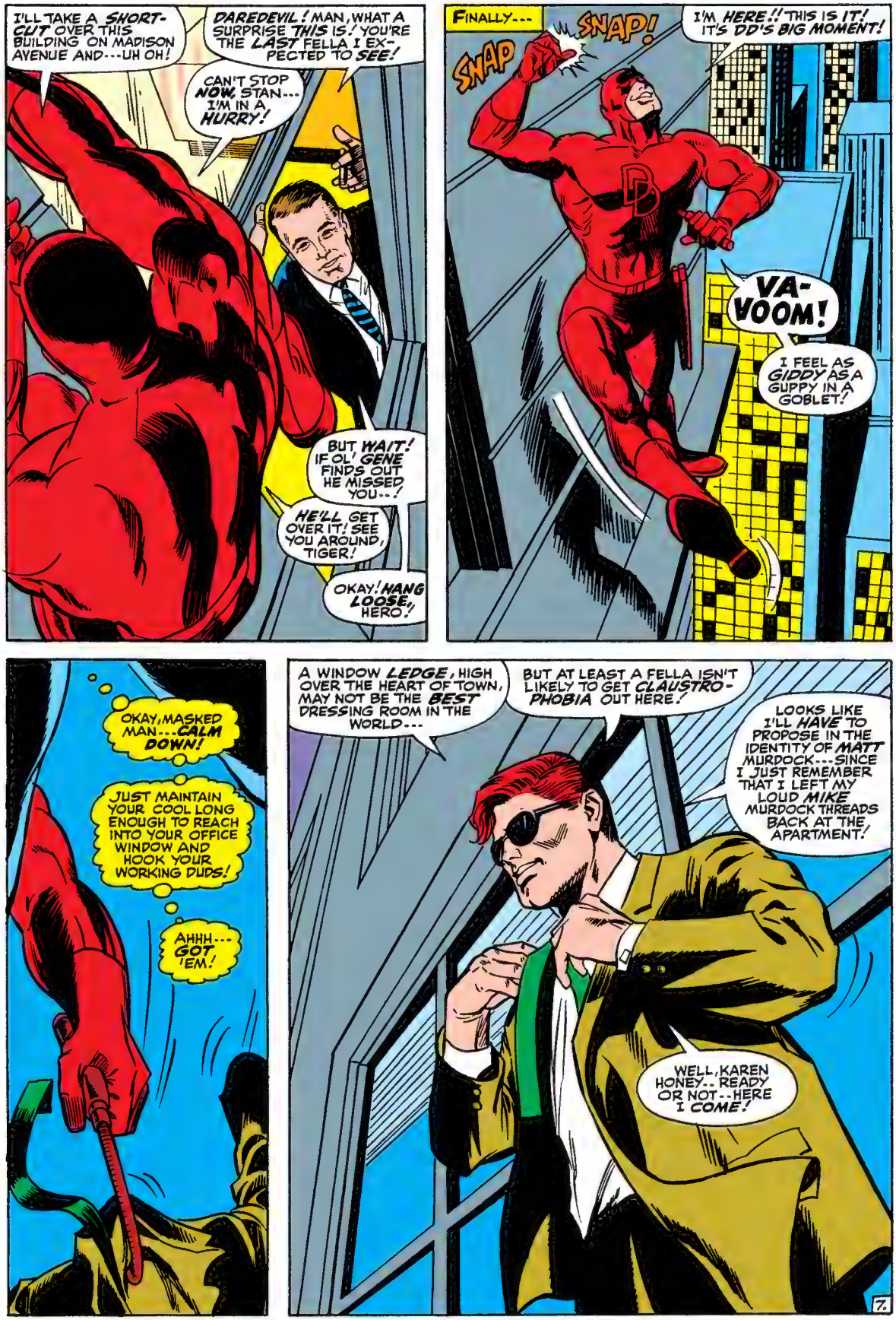
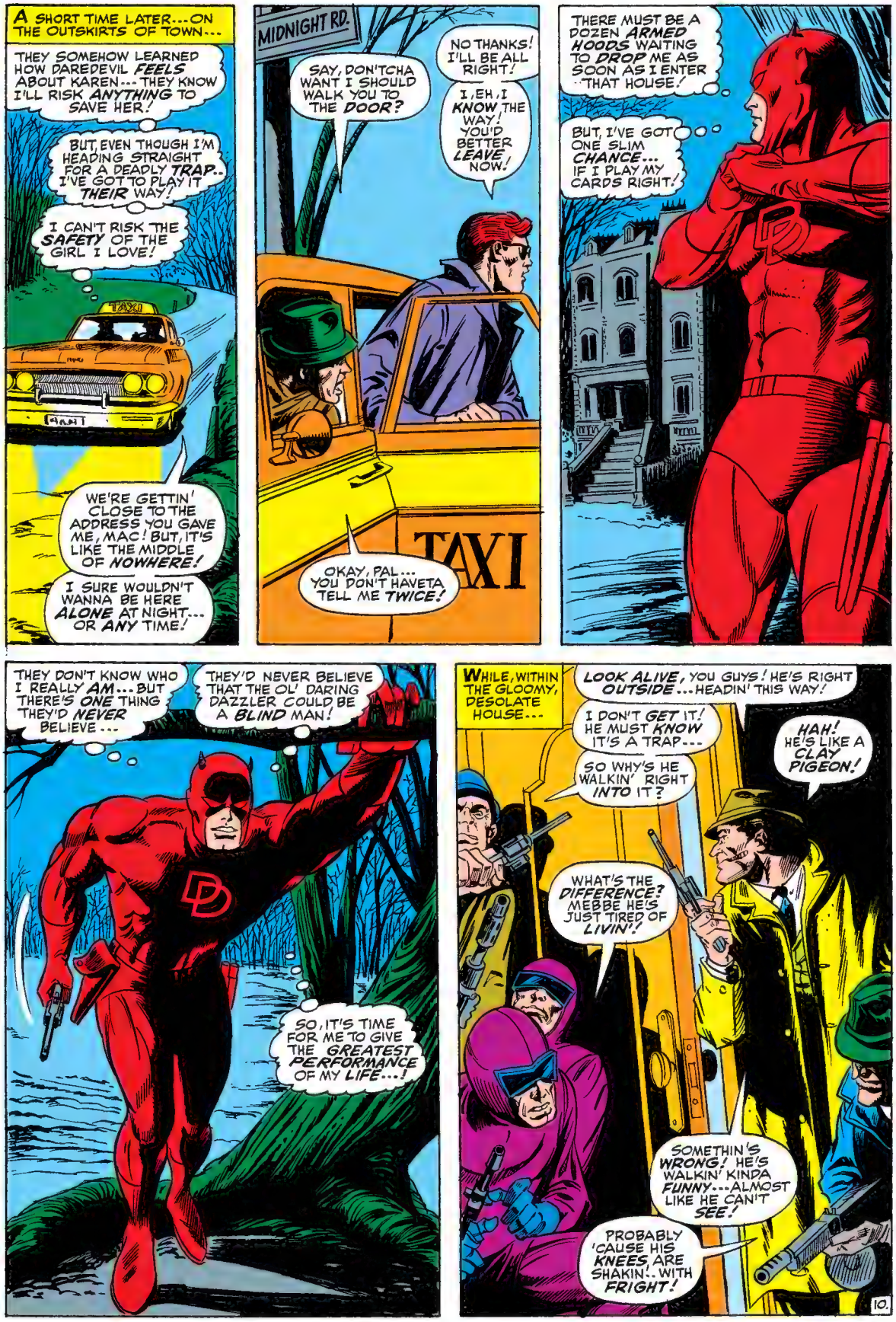

I'LL TAKE A SHORT-CUT OVER THIS BUILDING ON MADISON AVENUE AND---UH OH!
DAREDEVIL! MAN, WHAT A SURPRISE THIS IS! YOU'RE THE LAST FELLA I EXPECTED TO SEE!
CAN'T STOP NOW, STAN--- I'M IN A HURRY!
BUT WAIT! IF OL' GENE FINDS OUT HE MISSED YOU--!
HE'LL GET OVER IT! SEE YOU AROUND, TIGER!
OKAY! HANG LOOSE, HERO!
FINALLY---
SNAP!
SNAP
I'M HERE!! THIS IS IT! IT'S DD'S BIG MOMENT!
VA-VOOM!
I FEEL AS GIDDY AS A GUPPY IN A GOBLET!
OKAY, MASKED MAN---CALM DOWN!
JUST MAINTAIN YOUR COOL LONG ENOUGH TO REACH INTO YOUR OFFICE WINDOW AND HOOK YOUR WORKING DUDS!
AHHH--- GOT 'EM!
A WINDOW LEDGE, HIGH OVER THE HEART OF TOWN, MAY NOT BE THE BEST DRESSING ROOM IN THE WORLD---
BUT AT LEAST A FELLA ISN'T LIKELY TO GET CLAUSTRO-PHOBIA OUT HERE!
LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO PROPOSE IN THE IDENTITY OF MATT MURDOCK---SINCE I JUST REMEMBER THAT I LEFT MY LOUD MIKE MURDOCK THREADS BACK AT THE APARTMENT!
WELL, KAREN HONEY.. READY OR NOT--HERE I COME!

THAT'S STRANGE...I DON'T HEAR THE SOUND OF HER TYPEWRITER CLATTERING...NOR THE DRONE OF ANY VOICES THROUGH THE WALL!
AND YET, THE SCENT OF HER PERFUME IS COMING THROUGH STRONG AND CLEAR--SO I KNOW SHE'S IN THERE!
BUT, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY EVERYTHING'S SO SILENT INSIDE!
WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT--!
SKLATCH!
KAREN? FOGGY?--IS ANYONE HERE?
ONLY ONE HEARTBEAT--FOGGY'S! BUT, WHY DOESN'T HE ANSWER? AND--WHERE'S KAREN??
SOMETHING'S WRONG! MY RADAR SENSE TELLS ME FOGGY'S ON THE FLOOR--MOTIONLESS!
CAN'T RUSH IN--FOGGY'S CONSCIOUS...WATCHING ME...!
HAVE TO PLAY THE ROLE OF A BLIND MAN...NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WANT TO GO INTO ACTION!
FOGGY! WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER ME? ARE YOU THERE? WHERE'S KAREN? WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE SPEAK?
I HEAR SOMEONE MOANING...AS IF THE SOUND IS COMING FROM THE FLOOR!
HE'S BOUND AND GAGGED! I'VE GOT TO UNTIE HIM...QUICKLY!
MMMMM! MMMPPFFF!
MMMMFFFTFF!
8.

I'VE GOT TO CONTINUE MOVING SLOWLY... GROPING ABOUT, THE WAY AN UNSEEING MAN WOULD! CAN'T HAVE FOGGY SUSPECTING THE TRUTH..!
WHAT'S THIS? SOMETHING ON THE FLOOR! IT FEELS LIKE--A BODY!
MMMM! MMMFF! MMMPPPFFF!
FOGGY! YOU MUST HAVE TRIPPED--- AND FALLEN! I'LL BEND DOWN--TRY TO HELP YOU UP--!
IT FEELS AS THOUGH THERE'S SOMETHING OVER YOUR MOUTH! HERE---I'LL REMOVE IT--!
FTAWH! SAY, IT'S A GOOD THING YOU ARRIVED WHEN YOU DID, MATT!
WHY? WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT?
A WHOLE BUNCH OF HOODS BROKE IN HERE--- THEY LOOKED LIKE THE MARAUDER'S MOB---
THEY TIED ME UP.. AND RAN OFF WITH KAREN!
BEATS ME! THEY MUMBLED SOMETHING ABOUT USING HER TO TRAP DAREDEVIL!
THEY LEFT A NOTE.. FOR ME TO GIVE TO DAREDEVIL--- TELLING HIM WHERE HE COULD FIND KAREN!
THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT WE KNOW THAT COSTUMED CLOWN'S REAL IDENTITY!
I CAN "READ" THESE DIRECTIONS BY MERELY RUNNING MY FINGERS OVER THE DRIED INK!
YOUR GIRL
THEN..THAT MEANS THEY'RE AFTER--MY BROTHER MIKE!
HERE...YOU'D BETTER MAKE SURE MIKE GETS THAT NOTE!
HOLD IT, MATT! WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
BACK TO MY APARTMENT! YOU NEVER CAN TELL..MIKE MAY STOP IN THERE, FIRST!
OKAY, PARTNER-- BUT BE SURE TO LOCK YOURSELF IN--JUST IN CASE!
THOSE GUN-HAPPY GOONS WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO GET HOLD OF YOUR BROTHER.. SO BE CAREFUL!
KAREN--IN DANGER AGAIN!.. BECAUSE OF ME! IT'S THE ONE THING.. THE ONLY THING I'VE EVER FEARED!


A SHORT TIME LATER...ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...
THEY SOMEHOW LEARNED HOW DAREDEVIL FEELS ABOUT KAREN--- THEY KNOW I'LL RISK ANYTHING TO SAVE HER!
BUT, EVEN THOUGH I'M HEADING STRAIGHT FOR A DEADLY TRAP.. I'VE GOT TO PLAY IT THEIR WAY!
I CAN'T RISK THE SAFETY OF THE GIRL I LOVE!
TAXI
WE'RE GETTIN' CLOSE TO THE ADDRESS YOU GAVE ME, MAC! BUT, IT'S LIKE THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE!
I SURE WOULDN'T WANNA BE HERE ALONE AT NIGHT... OR ANY TIME!
MIDNIGHT RD.
SAY, DON'TCHA WANT I SHOULD WALK YOU TO THE DOOR?
NO THANKS! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
I, EH, I KNOW THE WAY! YOU'D BETTER LEAVE, NOW!
OKAY, PAL... YOU DON'T HAVETA TELL ME TWICE!
TAXI
THERE MUST BE A DOZEN ARMED HOODS WAITING TO DROP ME AS SOON AS I ENTER THAT HOUSE!
BUT, I'VE GOT ONE SLIM CHANCE... IF I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT!
THEY DON'T KNOW WHO I REALLY AM... BUT THERE'S ONE THING THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE ---
THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE THAT THE OL' DARING DAZZLER COULD BE A BLIND MAN!
SO, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GIVE THE GREATEST PERFORMANCE OF MY LIFE...!
WHILE, WITHIN THE GLOOMY, DESOLATE HOUSE---
LOOK ALIVE, YOU GUYS! HE'S RIGHT OUTSIDE ...HEADIN' THIS WAY!
I DON'T GET IT! HE MUST KNOW IT'S A TRAP---
SO WHY'S HE WALKIN' RIGHT INTO IT?
HAH! HE'S LIKE A CLAY PIGEON!
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? MEBBE HE'S JUST TIRED OF LIVIN'!
SOMETHIN'S WRONG! HE'S WALKIN' KINDA FUNNY---ALMOST LIKE HE CAN'T SEE!
PROBABLY 'CAUSE HIS KNEES ARE SHAKIN'.. WITH FRIGHT!
10.

I--I'M INSIDE!!
KAREN! THIS IS DAREDEVIL! WHERE ARE YOU?? SAY SOMETHING--!!
HE MUST BE NUTS, BOSS!
SHUDDUP! LET'S SEE WHAT HE DOES...!
I DON'T HEAR ANYONE! THE HOUSE MUST BE--- EMPTY!! BUT...WHERE IS KAREN?
WAIT! I HEARD SOMEONE GROAN!! --THE SOUND OF A STRUGGLE!
THERE IS SOMEONE HERE!! I KNOW IT!
DON'T ANYONE TRY ANYTHING!! I'VE GOT A GUN!
A FAT LOTTA GOOD THAT'LL DO YA!
YOU BEEN WAVIN' IT IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!
HEY, BOSS.. WHAT GIVES HERE?
THIS HORN-HEADED HEEL ACTS LIKE HE'S BLIND!
HOLD 'IM THERE!! WE'LL GET THAT MASK OFF, AND SEE..!
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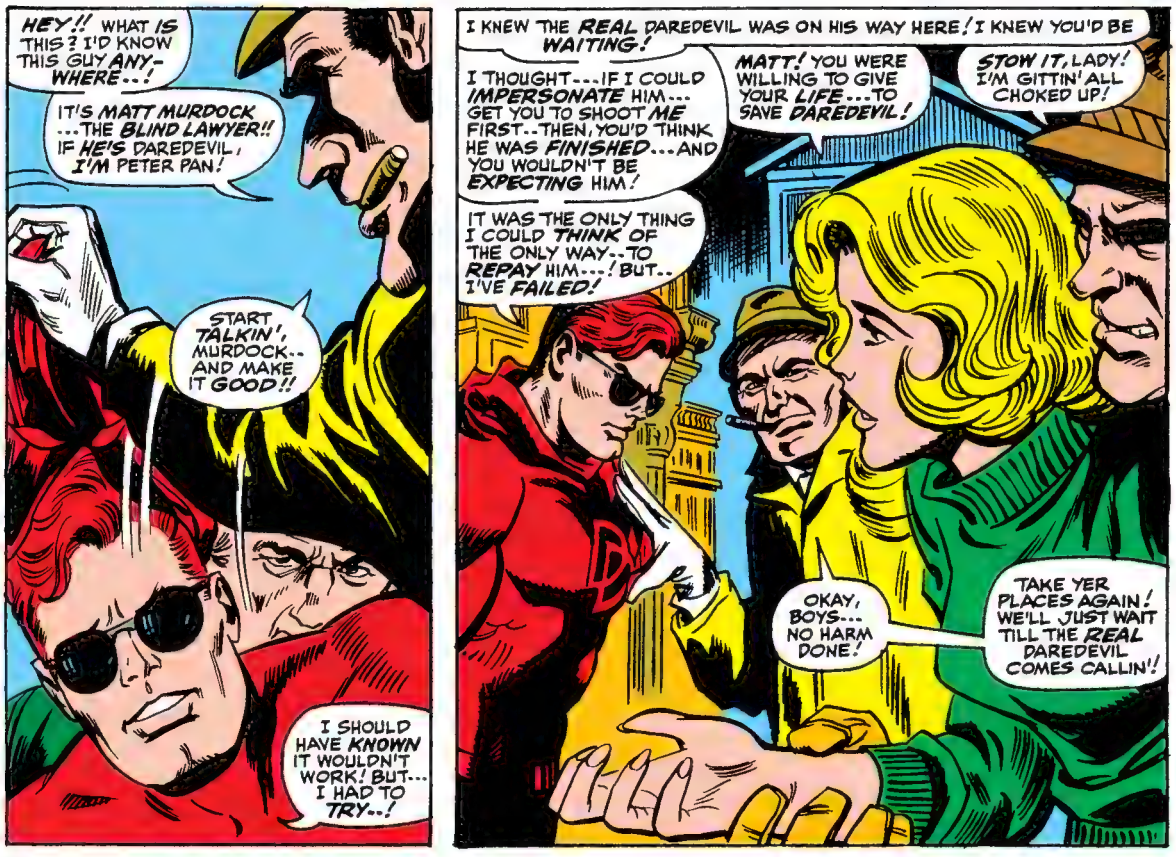
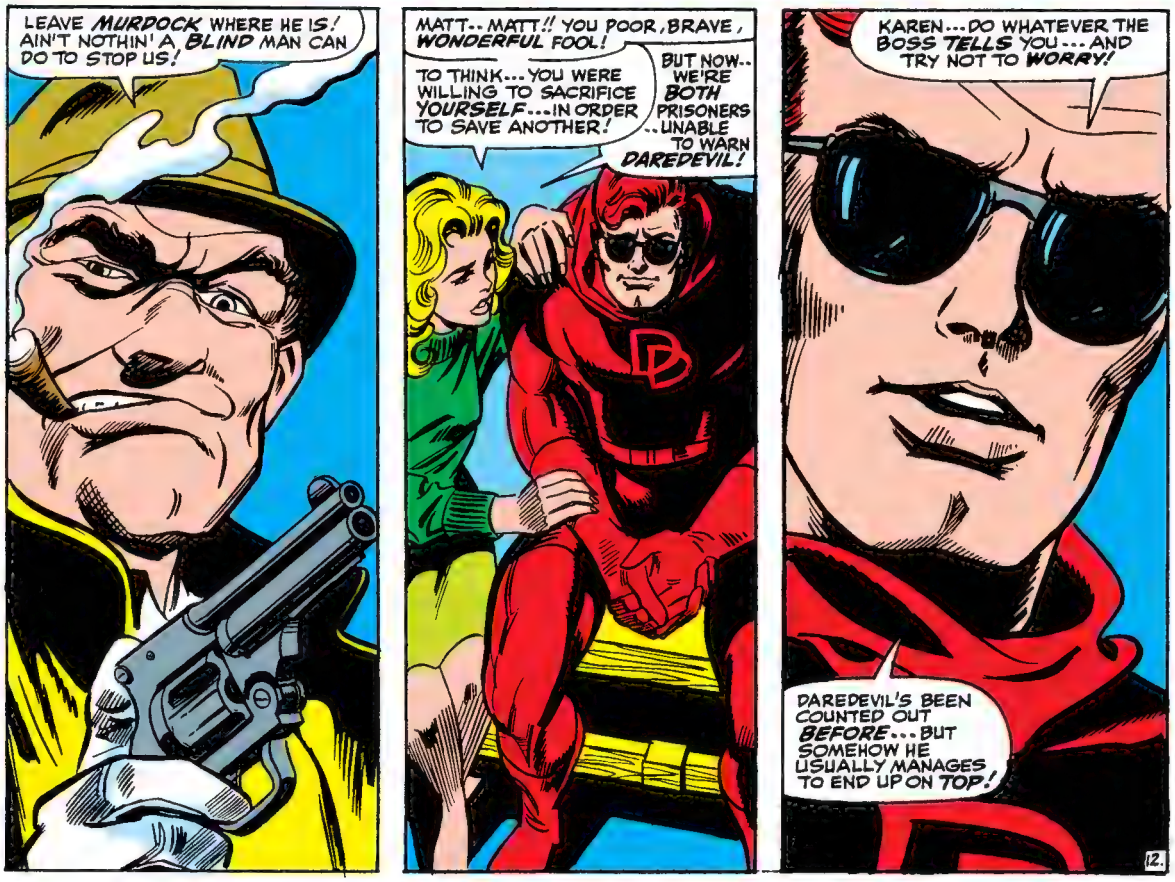
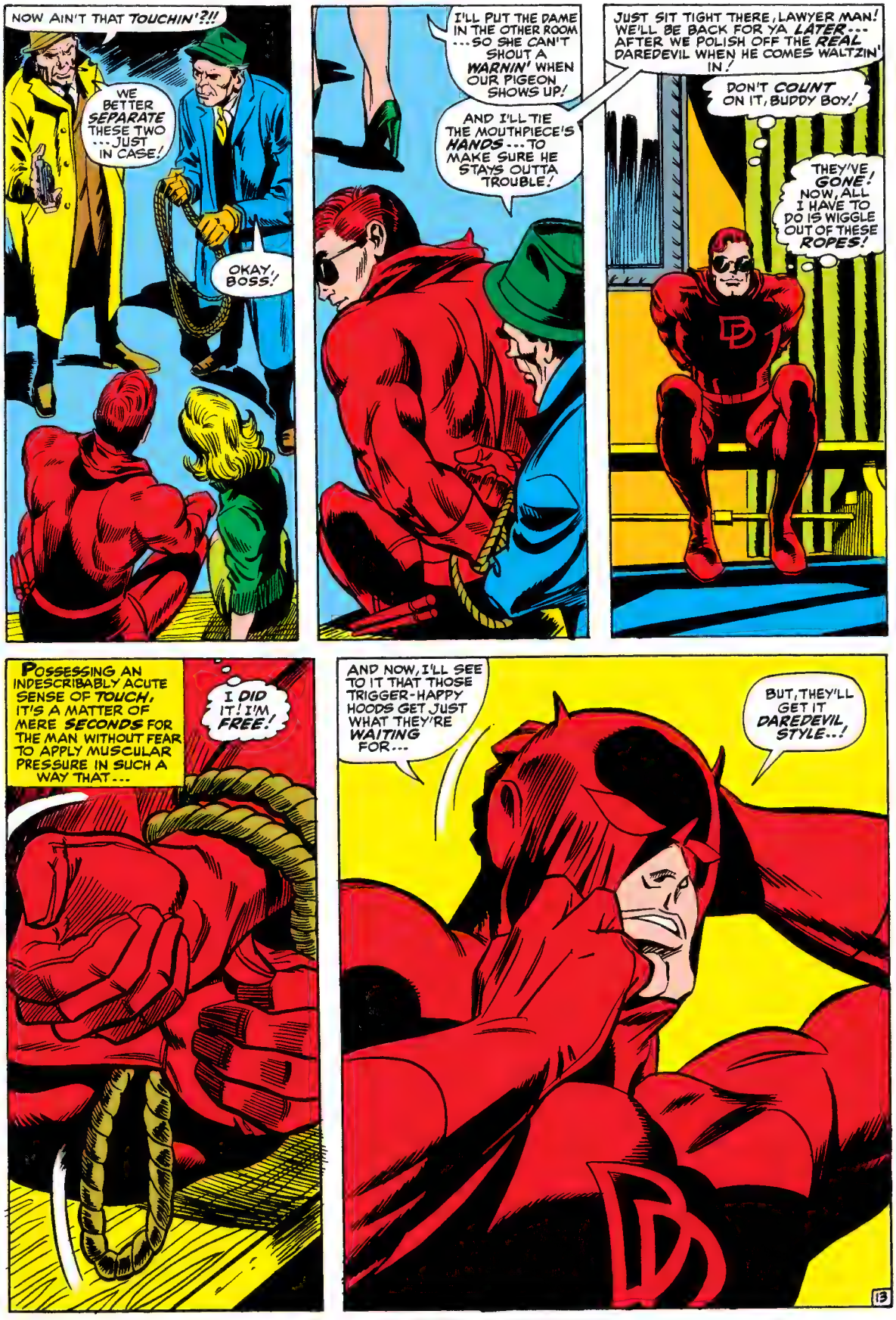

HEY!! WHAT IS THIS? I'D KNOW THIS GUY ANYWHERE--!
IT'S MATT MURDOCK ...THE BLIND LAWYER!! IF HE'S DAREDEVIL, I'M PETER PAN!
START TALKIN', MURDOCK-- AND MAKE IT GOOD!!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WOULDN'T WORK! BUT... I HAD TO TRY--!
I KNEW THE REAL DAREDEVIL WAS ON HIS WAY HERE! I KNEW YOU'D BE WAITING!
I THOUGHT---IF I COULD IMPERSONATE HIM--- GET YOU TO SHOOT ME FIRST--THEN, YOU'D THINK HE WAS FINISHED...AND YOU WOULDN'T BE EXPECTING HIM!
IT WAS THE ONLY THING I COULD THINK OF THE ONLY WAY--TO REPAY HIM---! BUT-- I'VE FAILED!
MATT! YOU WERE WILLING TO GIVE YOUR LIFE...TO SAVE DAREDEVIL!
STOW IT, LADY! I'M GITTIN' ALL CHOKED UP!
OKAY, BOYS... NO HARM DONE!
TAKE YER PLACES AGAIN! WE'LL JUST WAIT TILL THE REAL DAREDEVIL COMES CALLIN'!


LEAVE MURDOCK WHERE HE IS! AIN'T NOTHIN' A BLIND MAN CAN DO TO STOP US!
MATT--MATT!! YOU POOR, BRAVE, WONDERFUL FOOL!
TO THINK...YOU WERE WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF...IN ORDER TO SAVE ANOTHER!
BUT NOW-- WE'RE BOTH PRISONERS --UNABLE TO WARN DAREDEVIL!
KAREN...DO WHATEVER THE BOSS TELLS YOU--AND TRY NOT TO WORRY!
DAREDEVIL'S BEEN COUNTED OUT BEFORE...BUT SOMEHOW HE USUALLY MANAGES TO END UP ON TOP!


NOW AIN'T THAT TOUCHIN'?!!
WE BETTER SEPARATE THESE TWO ...JUST IN CASE!
OKAY, BOSS!
I'LL PUT THE DAME IN THE OTHER ROOM ...SO SHE CAN'T SHOUT A WARNIN' WHEN OUR PIGEON SHOWS UP!
AND I'LL TIE THE MOUTHPIECE'S HANDS ...TO MAKE SURE HE STAYS OUTTA TROUBLE!
JUST SIT TIGHT THERE, LAWYER MAN! WE'LL BE BACK FOR YA LATER... AFTER WE POLISH OFF THE REAL DAREDEVIL WHEN HE COMES WALTZIN' IN!
DON'T COUNT ON IT, BUDDY BOY!
THEY'VE GONE! NOW, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WIGGLE OUT OF THESE ROPES!
POSSESSING AN INDESCRIBABLY ACUTE SENSE OF TOUCH, IT'S A MATTER OF MERE SECONDS FOR THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR TO APPLY MUSCULAR PRESSURE IN SUCH A WAY THAT...
I DID IT! I'M FREE!
AND NOW, I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THOSE TRIGGER-HAPPY HOODS GET JUST WHAT THEY'RE WAITING FOR...
BUT, THEY'LL GET IT DAREDEVIL STYLE...!
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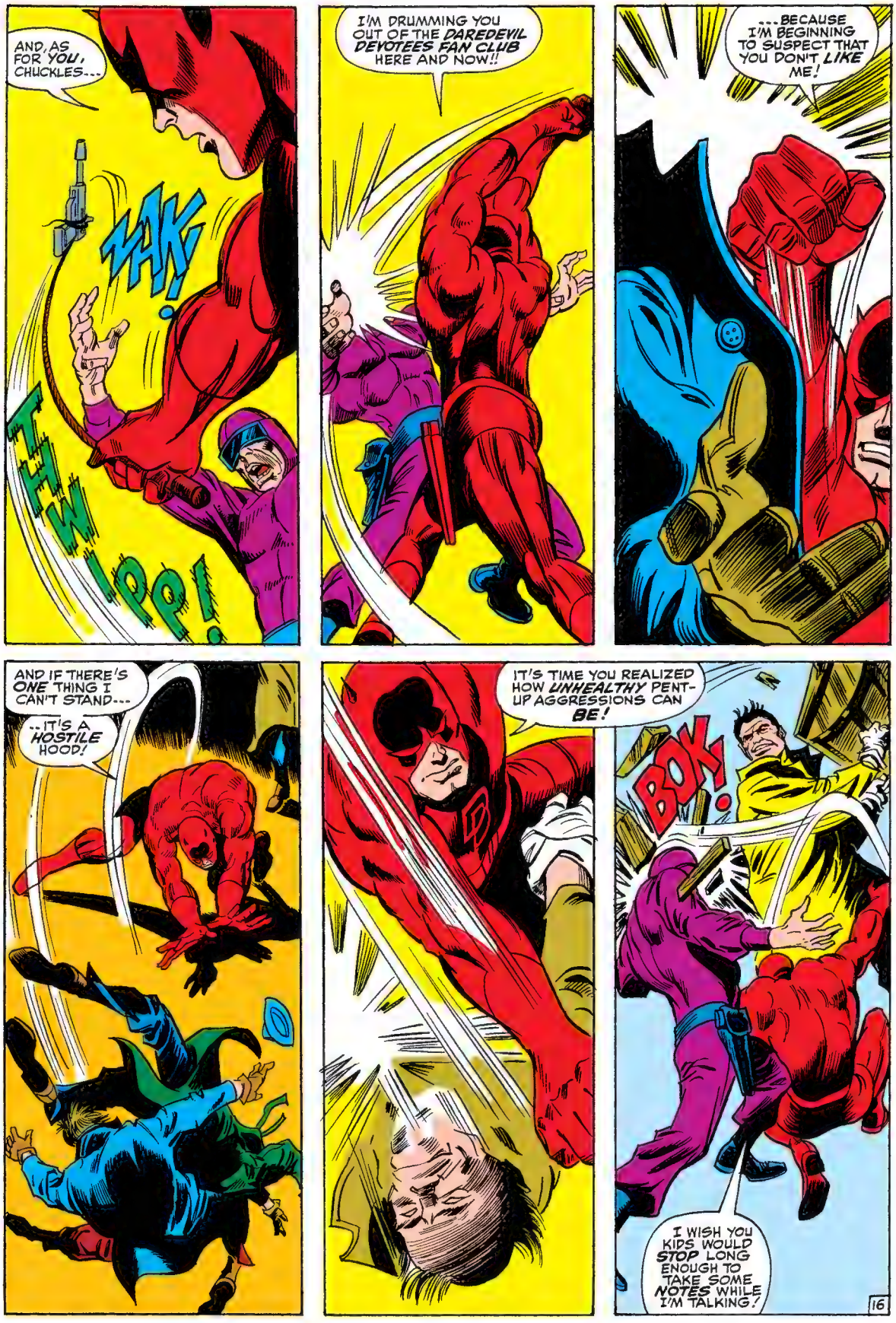
HEY, CREEPS... I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU--!!
YOU'VE BEEN FACING THE WRONG DIRECTION!
I DECIDED TO SWING IN THROUGH THE BACK ENTRANCE---
OR MAYBE YOU'VE ALREADY NOTICED!
FTOK!
KP
AKK!
HEADS UP, BLAST IT!! IT'S HIM!
THUMP!

BLOP!
SORRY I'M LATE, GUYS!
IF I'D KNOWN THERE WAS A PARTY GOING ON, I'D HAVE GOTTEN HERE SOONER!
AS FAR AS YOU'RE CONCERNED, WISE GUY--- THE PARTY'S OVER!
KRAK!
HEY... YOU FELLAS SURE PLAY ROUGH!! NO WONDER YOU HAVE A TOUGH TIME MAKING UP A GUEST LIST!
MISTER, WHEN YOU TRY TO SNEAK UP ON A GENT FROM BEHIND...
DON'T DO IT WHILE YOU'RE WEARING SIZE 12 CLOD-HOPPERS!


AND, AS FOR YOU, CHUCKLES...
ZAK!
THWIPP!
I'M DRUMMING YOU OUT OF THE DAREDEVIL DEVOTEES FAN CLUB HERE AND NOW!!
...BECAUSE I'M BEGINNING TO SUSPECT THAT YOU DON'T LIKE ME!
AND IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T STAND...
..IT'S A HOSTILE HOOD!
IT'S TIME YOU REALIZED HOW UNHEALTHY PENT-UP AGGRESSIONS CAN BE!
BOK!
I WISH YOU KIDS WOULD STOP LONG ENOUGH TO TAKE SOME NOTES WHILE I'M TALKING!
16

SO YOU'RE THE GUYS WHO WANTED TO TAKE OVER THE MARAUDER'S MOB, HUH?
HE'D NEVER LET DAREDEVIL WALK ALL OVER 'IM--- LIKE HE'S DOIN' TO THE WHOLE BUNCH OF YA!
YER ALL JUST A BUNCHA PUNKS!
WHO DO YA THINK YOU'RE CALLIN' PUNKS?!!
IF YOU GUYS WERE SO GREAT, MEBBE THE MARAUDER WOULDN'TA BIT THE DUST AWREADY!
WRASSK!
HEY! WHA--?? NOOO! DON'T!! ---LEGGO!! LOOK OUT!! YEEEEOW!
CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE MUCH MORE TIME! I'VE GOT TO END THIS QUICKLY!
CAN'T CHANCE THE BOSS REALIZING HE'S FAILED, AND RUNNING OFF WITH KAREN!
STOPP!
OKAY, ALL OF YOU!! YOU WANTED ME-- NOW COME AND GET ME!!
THIS IS PAY DIRT, YOU PACK-RATS!
17

AWRIGHT, MASKED MAN... NOW THE GLOVES ARE OFF!
EVEN IF WE CAN'T USE OUR BLASTERS BECAUSE WE'RE FIGHTIN' TOO CLOSE, THAT DON'T MEAN WE'RE HELPLESS!
I GOT 'IM!! I GOT 'IM!!
THAT'S IT!! DON'T LET 'IM GET AWAY...!!
THANKS A HEAP, GUYS!
IT'S NICE OF YOU TO COME TO ME... SO I DON'T HAVE TO CHASE AROUND AFTER YOU!
RIP!
CAN'T KEEP GOING AT THIS PACE MUCH LONGER!
I'M GETTING EXHAUSTED.. MY ARMS... BEGINNING TO FEEL HEAVY AS LEAD..!
BUT I HOPE MY LITTLE PLAYMATES DON'T SUSPECT IT!
BEHIND ME..SOMEONE ABOUT TO STRIKE! I CAN HEAR HIM..!
NOW I'VE GOT YOU, YOU RED-GARBED GOON! YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO.. TO..!!
NICE TRY, SWEETIE... BUT YOU'RE STILL ONLY SECOND BEST!
ZTAK!
18

HE'S SURROUNDED! HE AIN'T GOT A CHANCE NOW!
YOU GOT 'IM NOW! IN ANOTHER COUPLE'A MINUTES THE WHOLE WORLD'LL KNOW IT WAS THE BOSS'S MOB THAT MADE MINCEMEAT OUTTA DAREDEVIL!
C'MON!! LET'S ALL RUSH 'IM AT ONCE!
COMING AT ME.. FROM ALL SIDES! AND THEY'RE NOT JUST OUT FOR AUTOGRAPHS!
MAN! IF EVER THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I FELT LIKE TRADING MY LITTLE HEAD-HORNS FOR A TICKET TO ANYWHERE..!
CAREFUL, YOU GUYS! HE'S STILL TRICKY!
OUR TIMING'S PERFECT!!
THERE'S NOTHIN' THAT SMIRKIN' SLOB CAN DO NOW!
BIG DEAL! A LOT OF GOOD BEIN' TRICKY IS GONNA DO HIM IN A SPOT LIKE THIS!

CORRECTION, PLEASE! THERE'S ONE THING I CAN DO--!
BY SPLIT-SECOND TIMING, I CAN LEAP OVER YOUR HEADS JUST BEFORE IMPACT--- LETTING THE FORCE OF YOUR CHARGE FINISH THIS LITTLE PICNIC FOR ME!
AWW, SHUCKS! I DON'T THINK YOU HEARD A WORD I SAID!
THONK!
AND NOW, BIG MOUTH--!
SAVE IT, MASKED MAN! I AIN'T TANGLIN' WITH YOU!
ANY GUY WHO CAN LICK TWO GANGS AT ONCE--- SINGLE-HANDED--- AIN'T EVEN HUMAN!
I'M KINDA SORRY YOU CHICKENED OUT! I WANTED TO SHOW YOU HOW I HANDLE A BIG, TOUGH BAD-MAN WHO THREATENS A FEMALE--!
BUT, THE POLICE WILL FINISH YOUR EDUCATION! GET MOVING, PUNK!
A SHORT TIME LATER---
MATT, YOU HAD CALLED ME EARLIER--SAYING THERE WAS SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO TELL ME--!
YES! I--REMEMBER!
HER VERY LIFE WAS THREATENED--- BECAUSE SOMEONE MERELY SUSPECTED SHE KNEW ME!
IF SHE BECAME MY WIFE---SHE'D NEVER BE SAFE FOR A MINUTE!
I LOVE HER--TOO MUCH--TO TAKE SUCH A RISK!
---EVEN IF IT MEANS---MY OWN LIFE WILL BE--ETERNALLY EMPTY!
IT WAS NOTHING, KAREN! JUST SOME BUSINESS TO DISCUSS--BUT---IT CAN WAIT--!
SURE--IT CAN WAIT, ALL RIGHT--
LIKE--FOREVER!
NEXT: "The COBRA and MR. HYDE!"

HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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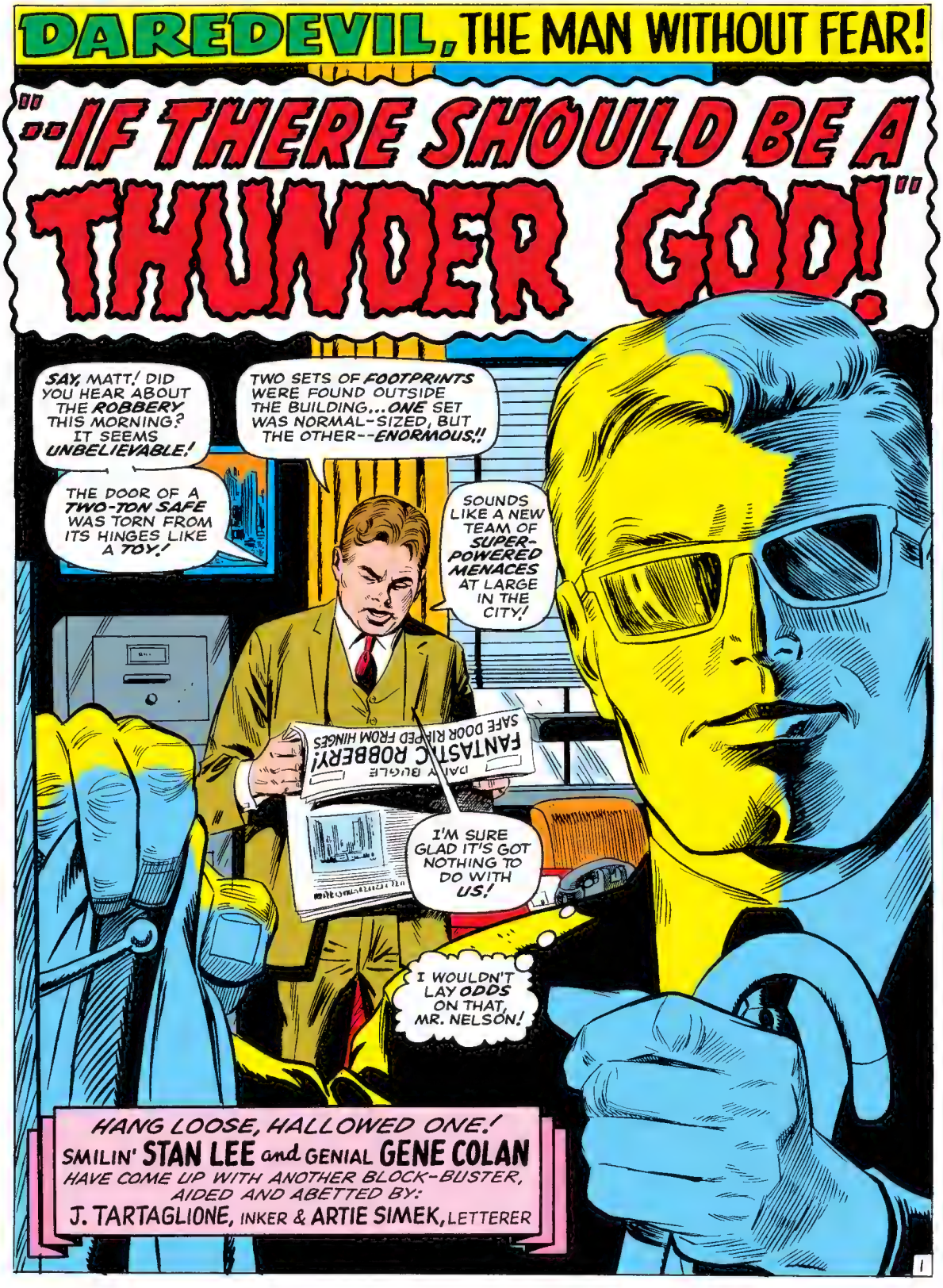
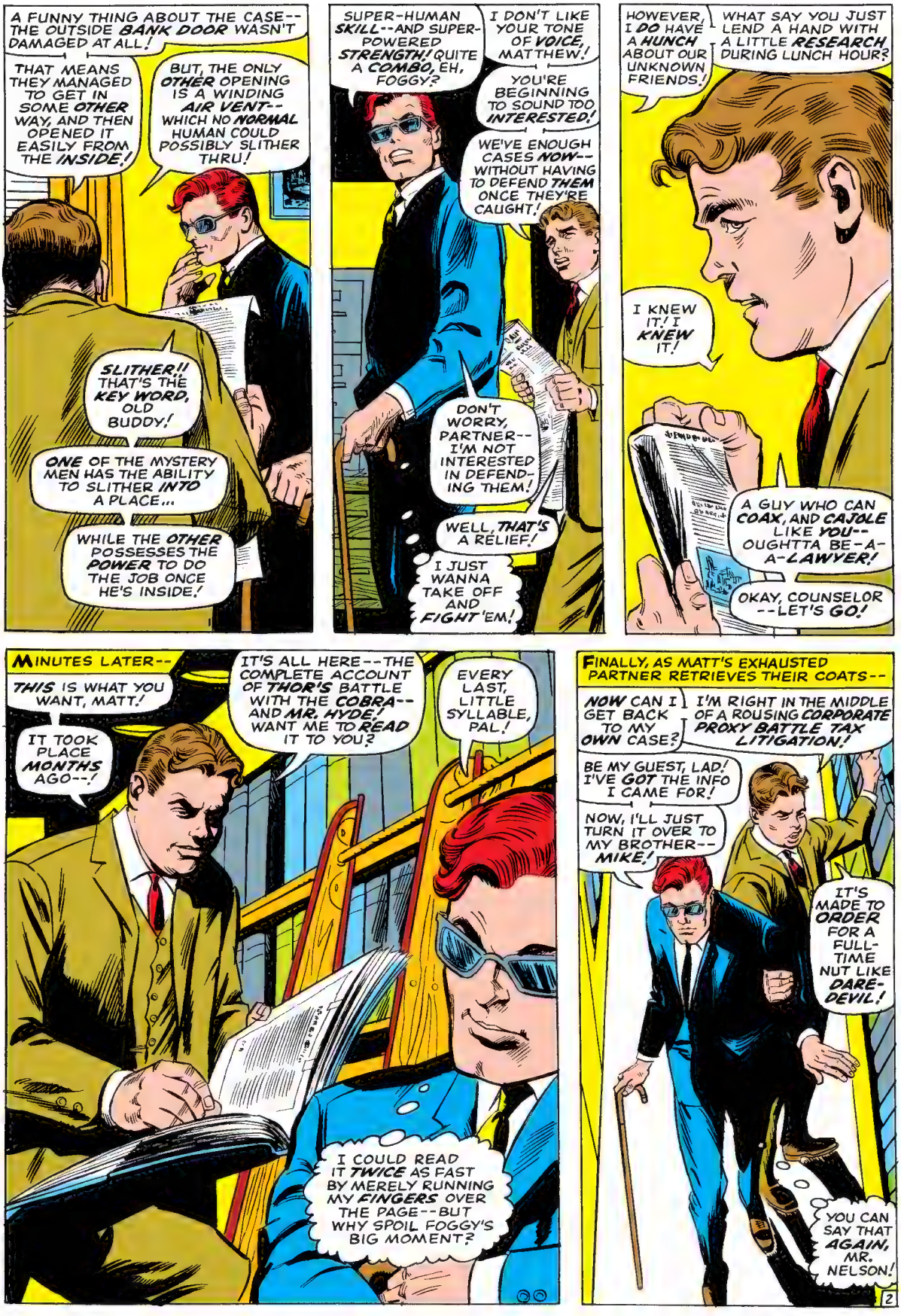
THE MIGHTY THOR!


DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"--IF THERE SHOULD BE A THUNDER GOD!"
SAY, MATT! DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE ROBBERY THIS MORNING? IT SEEMS UNBELIEVABLE!
THE DOOR OF A TWO-TON SAFE WAS TORN FROM ITS HINGES LIKE A TOY!
TWO SETS OF FOOTPRINTS WERE FOUND OUTSIDE THE BUILDING...ONE SET WAS NORMAL-SIZED, BUT THE OTHER--ENORMOUS!!
SOUNDS LIKE A NEW TEAM OF SUPER-POWERED MENACES AT LARGE IN THE CITY!
FANTASTIC ROBBERY!
SAFE DOOR RIPPED FROM HINGES
I'M SURE GLAD IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH US!
I WOULDN'T LAY ODDS ON THAT, MR. NELSON!
HANG LOOSE, HALLOWED ONE!
SMILIN' STAN LEE and GENIAL GENE COLAN
HAVE COME UP WITH ANOTHER BLOCK-BUSTER,
AIDED AND ABETTED BY:
J. TARTAGLIONE, INKER & ARTIE SIMEK, LETTERER


A FUNNY THING ABOUT THE CASE--THE OUTSIDE BANK DOOR WASN'T DAMAGED AT ALL!
THAT MEANS THEY MANAGED TO GET IN SOME OTHER WAY, AND THEN OPENED IT EASILY FROM THE INSIDE!
BUT, THE ONLY OTHER OPENING IS A WINDING AIR VENT--WHICH NO NORMAL HUMAN COULD POSSIBLY SLITHER THRU!
SLITHER!! THAT'S THE KEY WORD, OLD BUDDY!
ONE OF THE MYSTERY MEN HAS THE ABILITY TO SLITHER INTO A PLACE...
WHILE THE OTHER POSSESSES THE POWER TO DO THE JOB ONCE HE'S INSIDE!
SUPER-HUMAN SKILL--AND SUPER-POWERED STRENGTH! QUITE A COMBO, EH, FOGGY?
I DON'T LIKE YOUR TONE OF VOICE, MATTHEW!
YOU'RE BEGINNING TO SOUND TOO INTERESTED!
WE'VE ENOUGH CASES NOW--WITHOUT HAVING TO DEFEND THEM ONCE THEY'RE CAUGHT!
DON'T WORRY, PARTNER--I'M NOT INTERESTED IN DEFENDING THEM!
WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF!
I JUST WANNA TAKE OFF AND FIGHT 'EM!
HOWEVER, I DO HAVE A HUNCH ABOUT OUR UNKNOWN FRIENDS!
WHAT SAY YOU JUST LEND A HAND WITH A LITTLE RESEARCH DURING LUNCH HOUR?
I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT!
A GUY WHO CAN COAX, AND CAJOLE LIKE YOU--OUGHTTA BE-A-A-LAWYER!
OKAY, COUNSELOR--LET'S GO!
MINUTES LATER--
THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT, MATT!
IT TOOK PLACE MONTHS AGO--!
IT'S ALL HERE--THE COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF THOR'S BATTLE WITH THE COBRA--AND MR. HYDE! WANT ME TO READ IT TO YOU?
EVERY LAST, LITTLE SYLLABLE, PAL!
I COULD READ IT TWICE AS FAST BY MERELY RUNNING MY FINGERS OVER THE PAGE--BUT WHY SPOIL FOGGY'S BIG MOMENT?
FINALLY, AS MATT'S EXHAUSTED PARTNER RETRIEVES THEIR COATS--
NOW CAN I GET BACK TO MY OWN CASE?
I'M RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A ROUSING CORPORATE PROXY BATTLE TAX LITIGATION!
BE MY GUEST, LAD! I'VE GOT THE INFO I CAME FOR!
NOW, I'LL JUST TURN IT OVER TO MY BROTHER--MIKE!
IT'S MADE TO ORDER FOR A FULL-TIME NUT LIKE DARE-DEVIL!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, MR. NELSON!
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AND, EVEN AS THE LESS-THAN-ADVENTUROUS FOGGY NELSON LEADS HIS SIGHTLESS LAW PARTNER BACK TO THEIR EAST SIDE OFFICE, ANOTHER EVENT OF SOMEWHAT MORE THAN CASUAL INTEREST IS TAKING PLACE JUST A FEW MERRY MILES AWAY--
NO SAFE CAN PROTECT ITS CONTENTS FROM THE POWER OF-- MR. HYDE!
NEVER MIND THE SPEECHES, STRONG MAN--JUST GET THE LOOT!
POWER ISN'T EVERY-THING!
WITHOUT THE COBRA'S SUPERIOR STEALTH YOU'D STILL BE LANGUISHING IN JAIL!
I KNOW YOU BROUGHT ME THE CHEMICALS THAT TURNED ME INTO HYDE AGAIN--
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I'VE TOLERATED YOUR INSOLENCE SO LONG!
INSOLENCE?!?! YOU FOOL! WITHOUT ME, YOU'D--WAIT!!
YOU'VE BEEN TOO NOISY! SOMEONE'S COMING-- THEY HEARD YOU!
INDEED?? THEN THAT IS THEIR BAD FORTUNE!
LET THEM LIVE! LET THEM TELL THE WORLD WHO IT IS THAT'S NOW ON THE PROWL!
THE COBRA-- AND-- MR. HYDE!!
SOON, THE VERY MENTION OF OUR NAMES WILL DRIVE MEN FROM THE STREETS-- WILL EMPTY A CITY!
AGAINST THE TWO OF US THERE CAN BE NO DEFENSE-- NO SAFETY-- FOR ANYONE!
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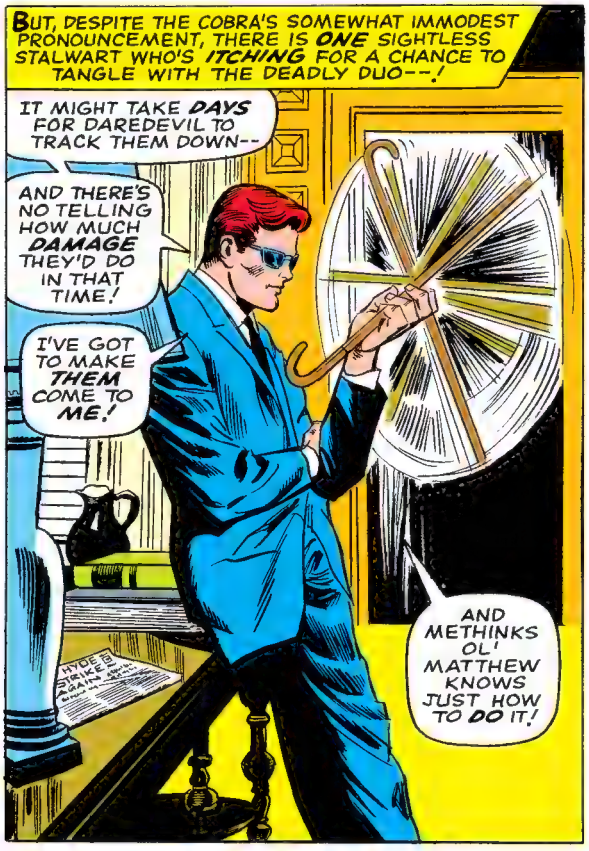
BUT, DESPITE THE COBRA'S SOMEWHAT IMMODEST PRONOUNCEMENT, THERE IS ONE SIGHTLESS STALWART WHO'S ITCHING FOR A CHANCE TO TANGLE WITH THE DEADLY DUO--!
IT MIGHT TAKE DAYS FOR DAREDEVIL TO TRACK THEM DOWN--
AND THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MUCH DAMAGE THEY'D DO IN THAT TIME!
I'VE GOT TO MAKE THEM COME TO ME!
AND METHINKS OL' MATTHEW KNOWS JUST HOW TO DO IT!

THUS, A BRIEF, UNEVENTFUL TAXI RIDE LATER--
WANT I SHOULD HELP YA GET ACROSS THE STREET, MISTER?
COSTUM
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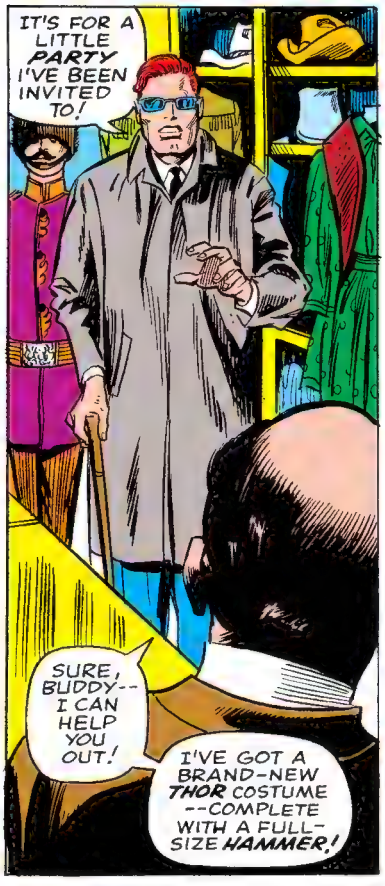
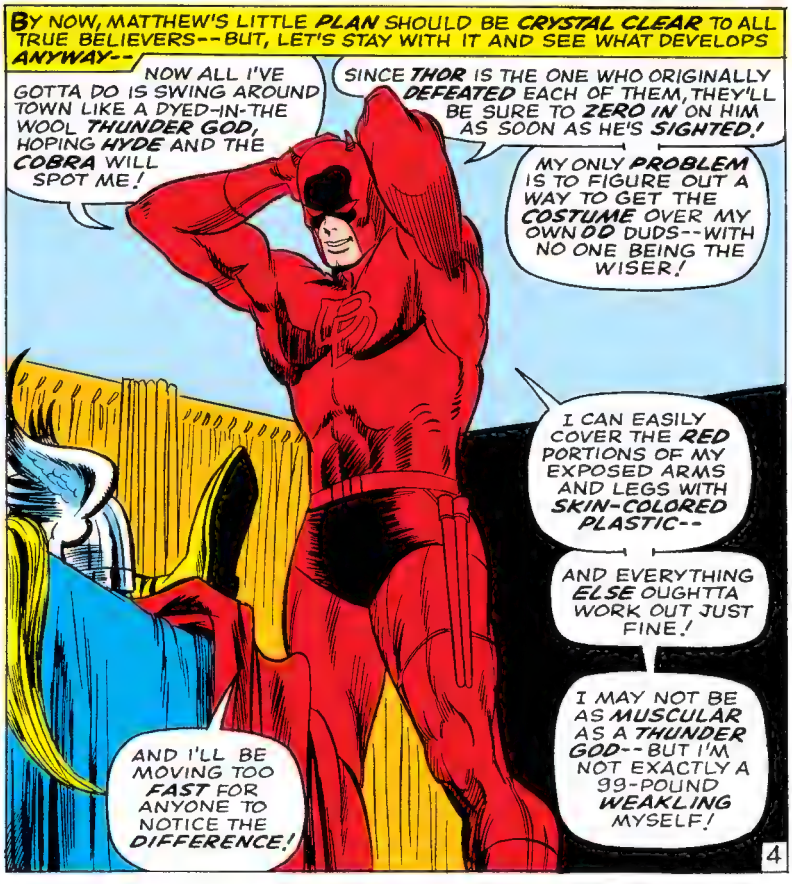
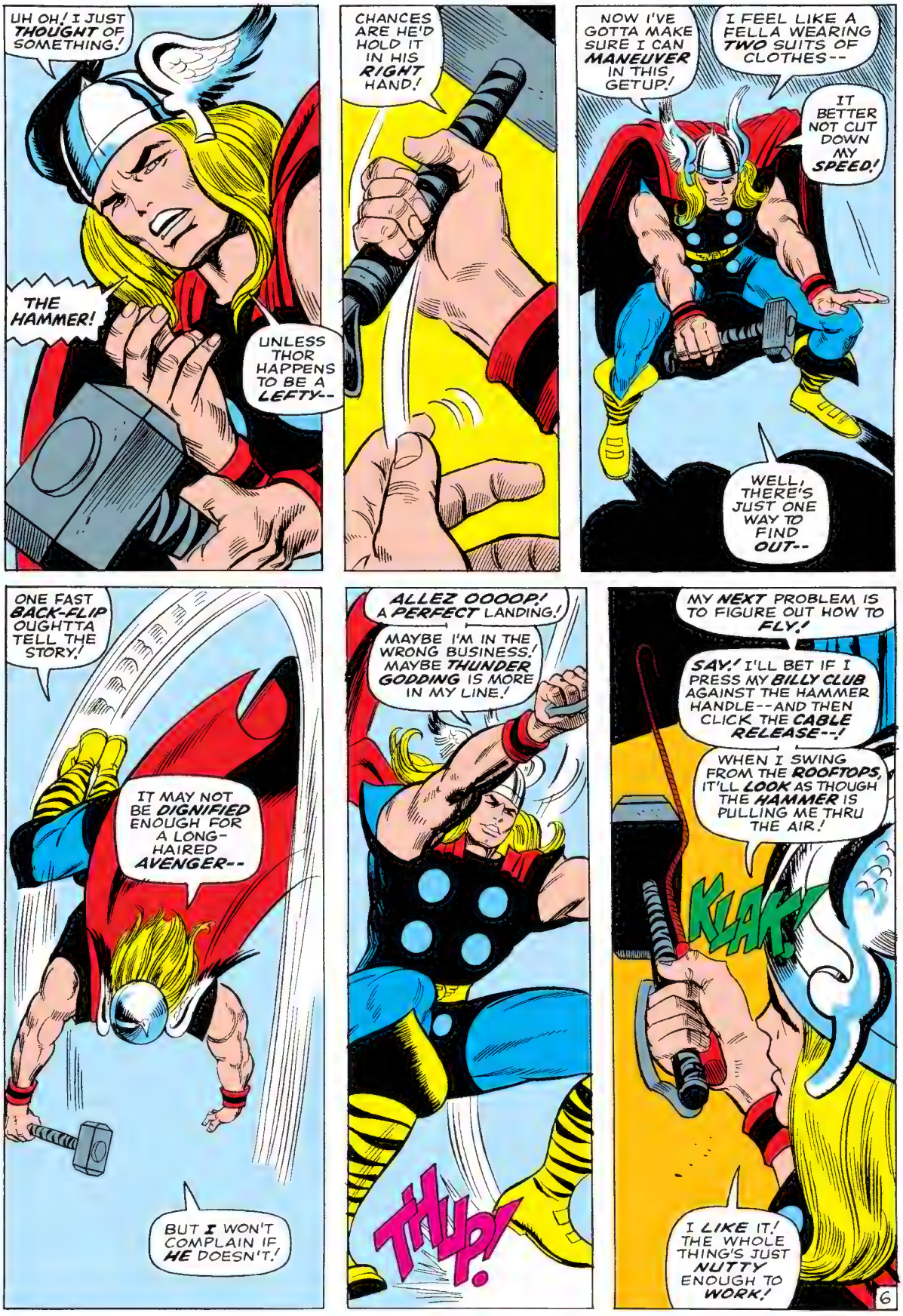
THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU-- BUT I THINK I CAN MAKE IT!
IF THEY HAVE WHAT I'M AFTER IN THAT COSTUME SHOP, I'LL BE HALF-WAY HOME!


IT'S FOR A LITTLE PARTY I'VE BEEN INVITED TO!
SURE, BUDDY-- I CAN HELP YOU OUT!
I'VE GOT A BRAND-NEW THOR COSTUME --COMPLETE WITH A FULL-SIZE HAMMER!


BY NOW, MATTHEW'S LITTLE PLAN SHOULD BE CRYSTAL CLEAR TO ALL TRUE BELIEVERS--BUT, LET'S STAY WITH IT AND SEE WHAT DEVELOPS ANYWAY--
NOW ALL I'VE GOTTA DO IS SWING AROUND TOWN LIKE A DYED-IN-THE WOOL THUNDER GOD, HOPING HYDE AND THE COBRA WILL SPOT ME!
SINCE THOR IS THE ONE WHO ORIGINALLY DEFEATED EACH OF THEM, THEY'LL BE SURE TO ZERO IN ON HIM AS SOON AS HE'S SIGHTED!
MY ONLY PROBLEM IS TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET THE COSTUME OVER MY OWN OD DUDS--WITH NO ONE BEING THE WISER!
I CAN EASILY COVER THE RED PORTIONS OF MY EXPOSED ARMS AND LEGS WITH SKIN-COLORED PLASTIC--
AND EVERYTHING ELSE OUGHTTA WORK OUT JUST FINE!
I MAY NOT BE AS MUSCULAR AS A THUNDER GOD--BUT I'M NOT EXACTLY A 99-POUND WEAKLING MYSELF!
AND I'LL BE MOVING TOO FAST FOR ANYONE TO NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE!

AND THEN-- VIOLA!!
MAN! IF IT LOOKS AS GOOD AS IT FEELS-- I'M IN BUSINESS!
THE FLESH-COLORED PLASTIC SHOULD ADD JUST ENOUGH TO MY BULK TO MAKE ME SEEM ALMOST AS MUSCULAR AS GOLDILOCKS HIMSELF!
AND THIS HAMMER'S THE CRAZIEST! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET GOING!
THE ONLY THING I DON'T DIG IS HOW THOR MANAGES TO FLY!
BUT, I GUESS A RAZZLE-DAZZLER LIKE HIM IS ENTITLED TO SOME SECRETS!
HOLD IT, HEROIC ONE! BEFORE YOU TURN THE PAGE, WE'VE GOT A LITTLE GUESSING GAME FOR ALL OF THOR'S THUNDEROUS FANS-- (LIKE EVERYBODY)
CAN YOU SPOT THE ONE LITTLE DETAIL IN MATT'S DISGUISE WHICH IS INCORRECT ??
IF NOT, DON'T PANIC! YOU'LL LEARN WHAT IT IS ON THE VERY NEXT PEERLESS, PRICELESS, PULSATIN' PAGE--


UH OH! I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING!
THE HAMMER!
UNLESS THOR HAPPENS TO BE A LEFTY--
CHANCES ARE HE'D HOLD IT IN HIS RIGHT HAND!
NOW I'VE GOTTA MAKE SURE I CAN MANEUVER IN THIS GETUP!
I FEEL LIKE A FELLA WEARING TWO SUITS OF CLOTHES--
IT BETTER NOT CUT DOWN MY SPEED!
WELL, THERE'S JUST ONE WAY TO FIND OUT--
ONE FAST BACK-FLIP OUGHTTA TELL THE STORY!
IT MAY NOT BE DIGNIFIED ENOUGH FOR A LONG-HAIRED AVENGER--
BUT I WON'T COMPLAIN IF HE DOESN'T!
ALLEZ OOOOP! A PERFECT LANDING!
MAYBE I'M IN THE WRONG BUSINESS! MAYBE THUNDER GODDING IS MORE IN MY LINE!
THUP!
MY NEXT PROBLEM IS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO FLY!
SAY! I'LL BET IF I PRESS MY BILLY CLUB AGAINST THE HAMMER HANDLE--AND THEN CLICK THE CABLE RELEASE--!
WHEN I SWING FROM THE ROOFTOPS, IT'LL LOOK AS THOUGH THE HAMMER IS PULLING ME THRU THE AIR!
KLAK!
I LIKE IT! THE WHOLE THING'S JUST NUTTY ENOUGH TO WORK!

FIRST THING TO DO IS TEST IT OUT ON KAREN AND FOGGY!
SO, I'LL JUST BECOME MIKE MURDOCK UNDER THE MASK!
BOY! MY BIGGEST PROBLEM'LL BE KEEPING ALL THESE IDENTITIES STRAIGHT!
IF I CAN MOVE FAST ENOUGH, I MAY JUST GET AWAY WITH IT!
LUCKY IT'S GETTING DARK NOW--
CHANCES ARE NO ONE WILL EVEN NOTICE THE CABLE I'M HOLDING ONTO!
LOOK! UP THERE--IT'S THOR!
HE MUST'A LOST HIS BUS FARE!
I'LL BET HE'S AFTER THE COBRA --AND HYDE!
TOO BAD I HAVE TO WEAR THIS NUTTY CAPE!
BY FLUTTERING THIS WAY, IT MUFFLES SOME OF THE SOUND VIBRATIONS THAT GUIDE ME!
BUT, IT DIDN'T MUFFLE THEM ENOUGH! I'M LANDING RIGHT ON TARGET!
OH!
FOGGY--LOOK! IT-IT'S THOR!
LOOK OUT, DARN IT!
WHAT'S GOING ON? THIS IS AN OFFICE--NOT A SILLY SUPER-HERO HAVEN!
FORSOOTH! HAVE YE NO WORD OF GREETING FOR THE MIGHTY THOR?
WHAT--SHOULD WE--SAY??
SAY IT ISN'T SO, PUSSYCAT!
WAIT A MINUTE! HE ISN'T THOR!
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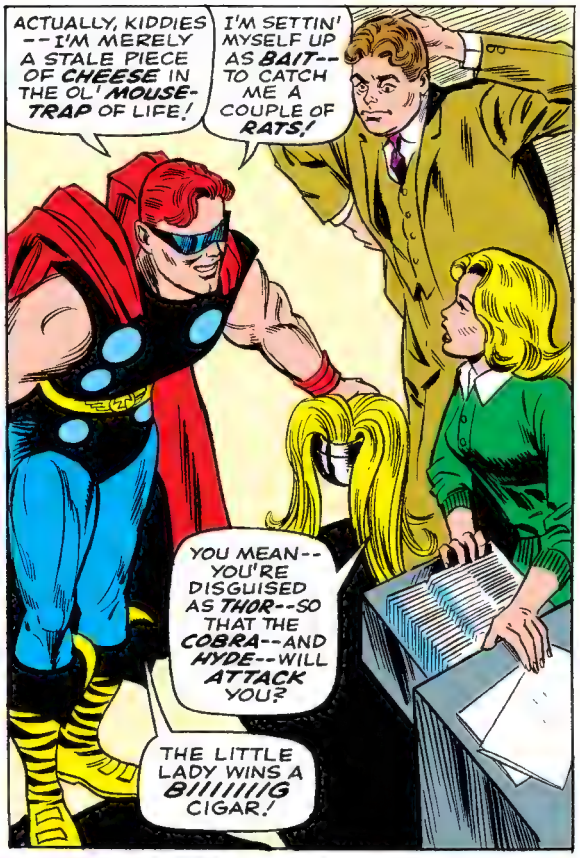
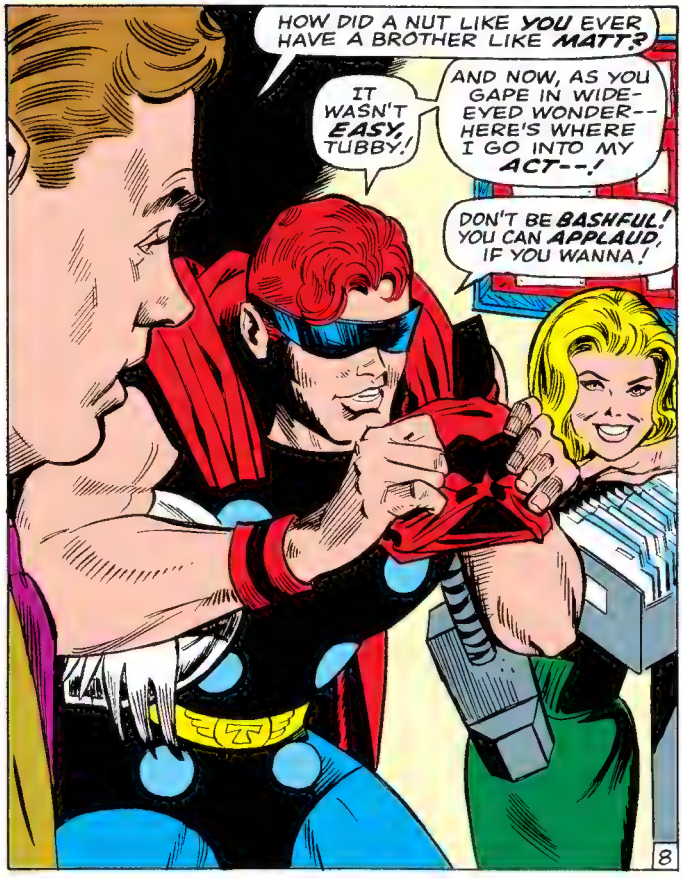
NO, BUT I MIGHT BE THOR--IF I WENT HORTHBACK RIDING!
OR, WOULD'JA BELIEVE--MIKE MURDOCK?
MIKE! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!! WHY THAT RIDICULOUS DISGUISE?
IN THE WORDS OF A FAMOUS PHILOSO-PHER--
--WHOSE NAME ESCAPES ME--
WHY NOT?


ACTUALLY, KIDDIES--I'M MERELY A STALE PIECE OF CHEESE IN THE OL' MOUSE-TRAP OF LIFE!
I'M SETTIN' MYSELF UP AS BAIT--TO CATCH ME A COUPLE OF RATS!
YOU MEAN--YOU'RE DISGUISED AS THOR--SO THAT THE COBRA--AND HYDE--WILL ATTACK YOU?
THE LITTLE LADY WINS A BIIIIIIG CIGAR!

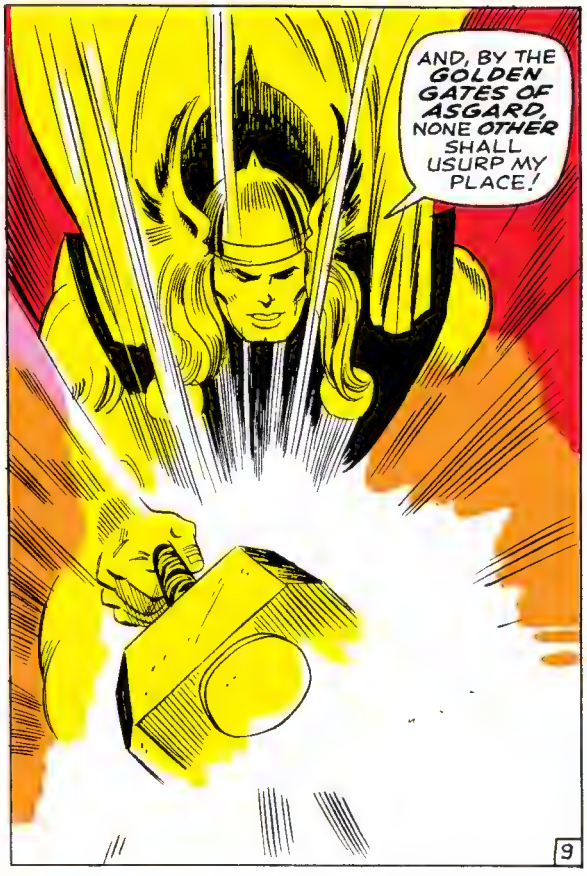
MIKE MURDOCK--IN THE IDENTITY OF DAREDEVIL--DISGUISED AS THOR--IN ORDER TO TRAP TWO OTHER LOONS!
HOW CAN ANYONE TELL WHO'S WHO AROUND HERE ANY MORE??!
SIMPLE! JUST BUY ONE OF MY LITTLE ALL-PURPOSE MIKE MURDOCK SCORE CARDS!


HOW DID A NUT LIKE YOU EVER HAVE A BROTHER LIKE MATT?
IT WASN'T EASY, TUBBY!
AND NOW, AS YOU GAPE IN WIDE-EYED WONDER--HERE'S WHERE I GO INTO MY ACT--!
DON'T BE BASHFUL! YOU CAN APPLAUD, IF YOU WANNA!

BUT, EVEN DAREDEVIL'S PLANS CAN HIT A SNAG WHEN A FRIVOLOUS FATE STEPS IN--FATE, IN THE PERSON OF--DR. DON BLAKE--!
I HAD INTENDED TO REMAIN IN MY OFFICE TONIGHT, TO CONDUCT SOME PATHOLOGICAL LAB TESTS--
BUT, THAT LITTLE NEWS ITEM ON THE RADIO MEANS A CHANGE OF PLAN!
BULLETIN! THE MIGHTY THOR HAS BEEN SEEN HURTLING ABOVE THE CITY'S ROOF-TOPS! PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE WONDERING--

IF ANYONE IS IMPER-SONATING THE GOD OF THUNDER--THERE MUST BE SOME SINISTER MOTIVE BEHIND IT.!
AND I'VE GOT TO LEARN WHAT IT IS!!

IN ALL THE UNIVERSE, THERE'S ONLY ONE TRUE THUNDER GOD--!
BAM!


AND, BY THE GOLDEN GATES OF ASGARD, NONE OTHER SHALL USURP MY PLACE!

SOON, YON BASE IMPOSTER SHALL ANSWER TO MIGHTY THOR, HIMSELF!
SO BE IT!
FLY, MIGHTY MJOLNAR!! FLY, THOU ENCHANTED HAMMER! LEAD THY MASTER TO HIS PREY!
BY THE BRISTLING BEARD OF ODIN, HOW MY LIMBS DO LONG FOR BATTLE!
WHILE, DIRECTLY AROUND THE CORNER--
THIS HAMMER BIT IS THE GREATEST!
I WONDER IF THOR WAS EVER A CARPENTER --!
UH OH! MY RADAR SENSE IS RECEIVING SOMETHING--!
IT'S COMING TOWARD ME--AT GREAT SPEED--FASTER THAN THE COBRA--OR HYDE COULD EVER MOVE!
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THE IMPOSTER! I HAVE FOUND THEE!
IT'S THE REAL THOR!!
MOVING TOO FAST-- LIKE A HUMAN COMET!
IF I CAN'T DODGE HIM SOMEHOW --I'LL BE STEAM-ROLLERED!
WHAT WITCHERY IS HERE AFOOT?
VERILY, THOU COULDST BE MY MIRROR IMAGE!
WHEW! JUST MADE IT-- BY CONTORTING MY ENTIRE BODY!
BUT, SINCE I AM I--AND THOU A KNAVE--
THEN, LET THERE BE A RECKONING!
BUT EVEN AS THE THUNDER GOD SPEAKS, OUR FEARLESS FRIEND, HAVING LOST HIS MOMENTUM, DUE TO THE NEAR COLLISION, HURTLES THRU THE WINDOW OF A NEARBY BUILDING--
CRASH!
CAN'T CHANGE DIRECTION!! TOO LATE TO USE CABLE AGAIN
UNNHHH--!
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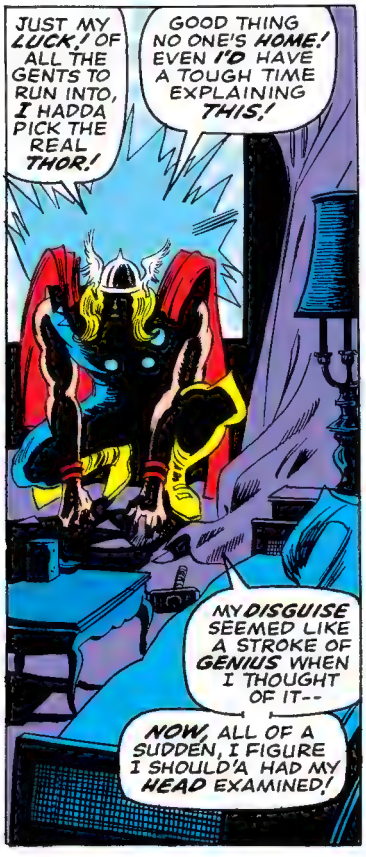
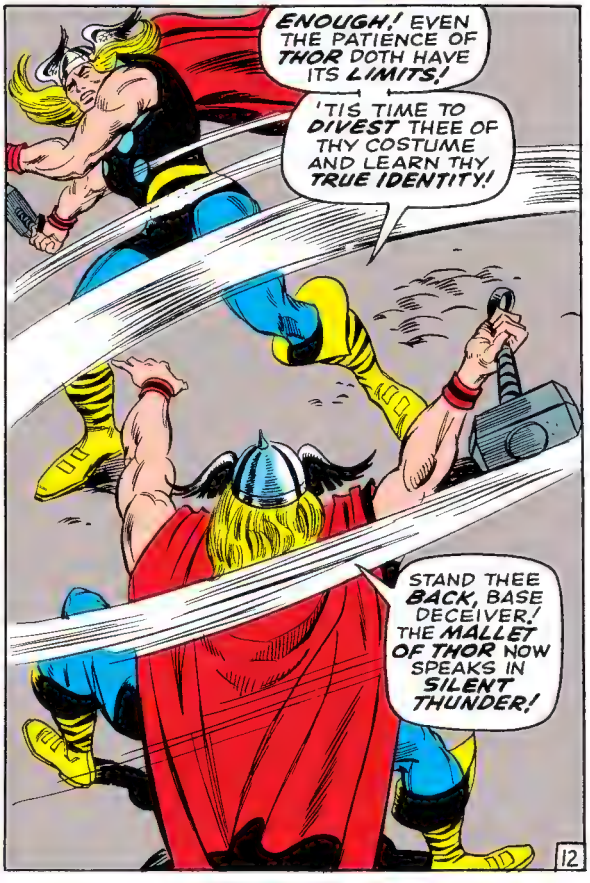

JUST MY LUCK,! OF ALL THE GENTS TO RUN INTO, I HADDA PICK THE REAL THOR!
GOOD THING NO ONE'S HOME! EVEN I'D HAVE A TOUGH TIME EXPLAINING THIS!
MY DISGUISE SEEMED LIKE A STROKE OF GENIUS WHEN I THOUGHT OF IT--
NOW, ALL OF A SUDDEN, I FIGURE I SHOULD'A HAD MY HEAD EXAMINED!

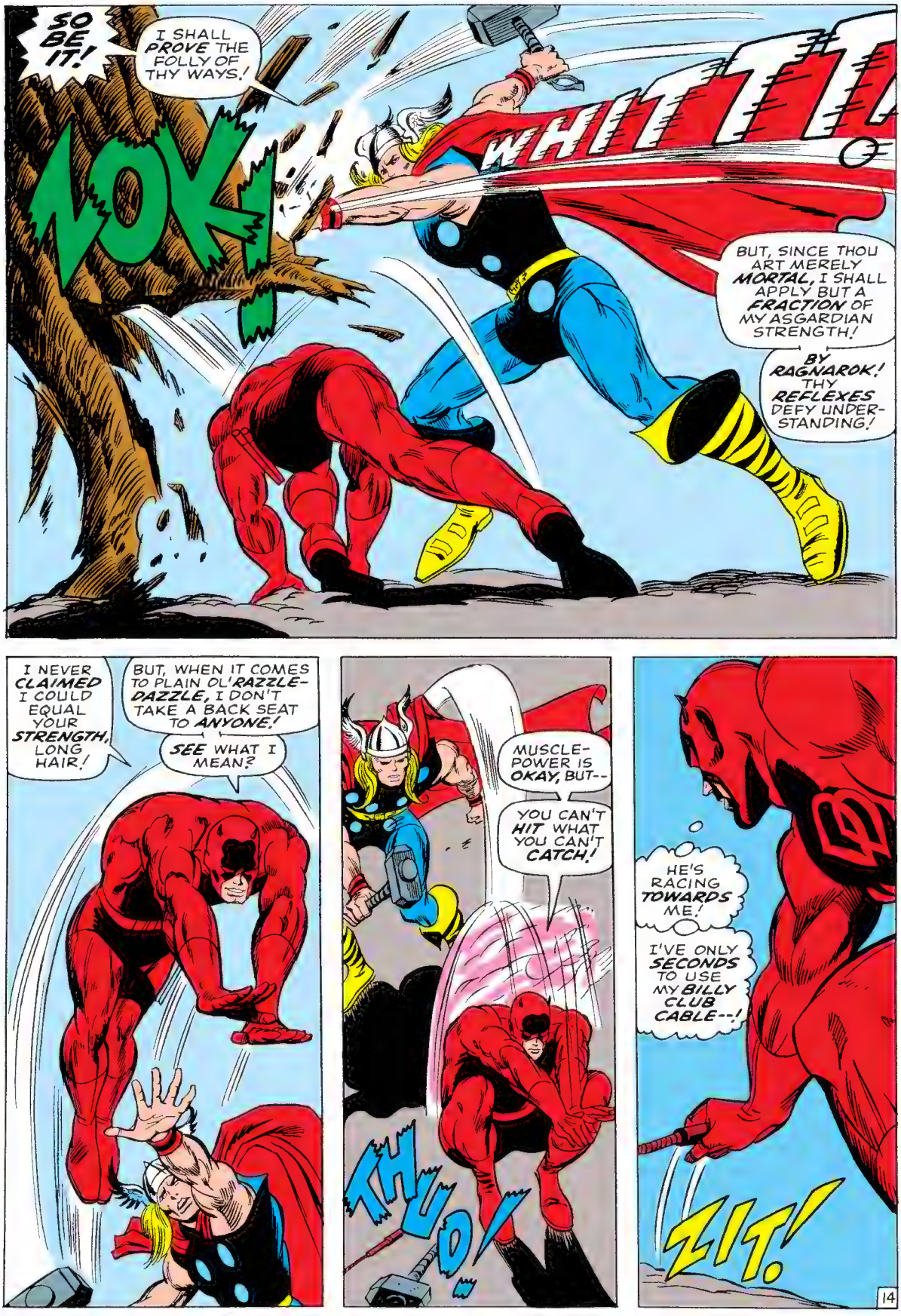
OH WELL-- IT'S TOO LATE TO TURN BACK NOW!
I'VE GOT TO PLAY OUT THE HAND!
BUT, I SURE HOPE THE COBRA AND HYDE DIDN'T SEE WHAT HAPPENED!
EVEN THEY MIGHT NOT WANNA TACKLE A SET OF TWO MATCHED THUNDER GODS!
ANYWAY, I'D BETTER LOSE MYSELF IN THE PARK, OUTSIDE--!

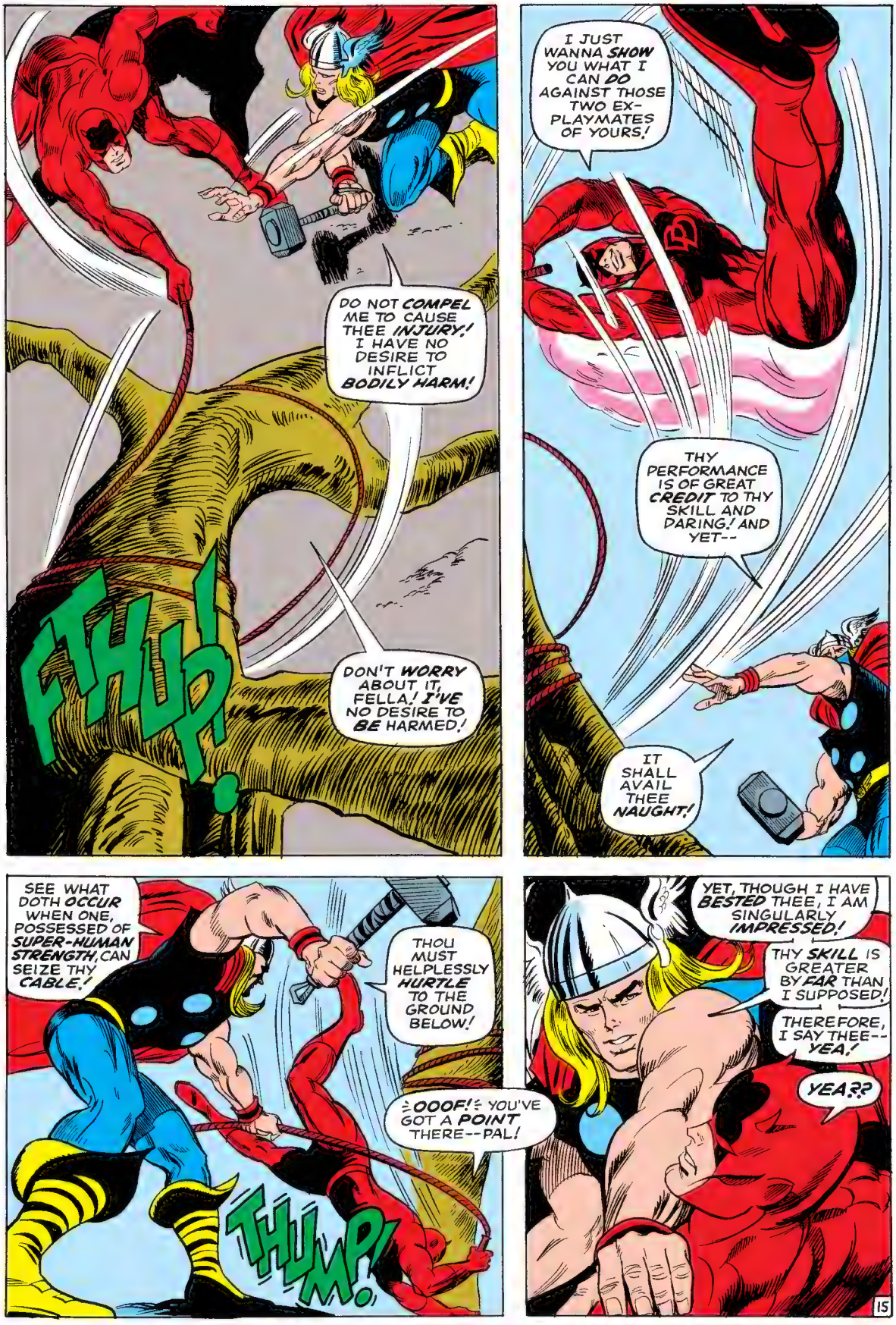
HOLD, IMPOSTER! DIDST THOU THINK TO ESCAPE MIGHTY THOR THUS EASILY?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, FELLA-- NO,!
LOOK-- I HAVE A JOB TO DO--
WHY DON'T YOU GO AND LIFT SOME WEIGHTS FOR A WHILE, OR SOMETHING?

HAVING BEEN CAUGHT IN THY DECEPTION, THOU STILL DAREST MAKE LIGHT OF THE MATTER?
WHAT MANNER OF MORTAL ART THOU?
WELL, MY FRIENDS CALL ME A REAL PUSSYCAT-- BUT THEY MAY BE PREJUDICED!


ENOUGH! EVEN THE PATIENCE OF THOR DOTH HAVE ITS LIMITS!
'TIS TIME TO DIVEST THEE OF THY COSTUME AND LEARN THY TRUE IDENTITY!
STAND THEE BACK, BASE DECEIVER! THE MALLET OF THOR NOW SPEAKS IN SILENT THUNDER!

HE'S CREATING AN ACTUAL TORNADO-- BY MERELY SWINGING HIS HAMMER!
I'VE NEVER FACED SUCH FORCE--SUCH SHEER, UNCONTROLLABLE POWER!
WHIRR
THE FURY OF HIS STORM IS LIKE A LIVING THING --SAVAGE-- UNCONTROLLABLE--!
IT'S STRIPPING OFF MY OUTER COSTUME-- PEELING THE FABRIC FROM ME LIKE A BANANA SKIN!
I'LL SAY ONE THING FOR YOU, CURLY--
WHEN YOU MAKE UP YOUR MIND TO DO SOMETHING--
--YOU SURE DON'T KID AROUND!
DAREDEVIL! 'TIS THOU WHO HAST PRESUMED TO STEAL MY ROLE!
BUT WHY? SPEAK, MORTAL! I DESIRE TO KNOW THY MOTIVE!
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST COME OUT AND ASK ME?
I SAID SPEAK, MASKED ONE!
AND, HAVE A CARE, LEST I FIND THY NARRATIVE NOT TO MY LIKING!
NO NEED TO MAKE A BIG THING ABOUT IT! I'M ON THE TRAIL OF MR. HYDE AND THE COBRA--AND I THOUGHT I'D SMOKE THEM OUT EASIER IF THEY THOUGHT I WAS YOU!
THY WORDS HAVE THE TINGE OF MADNESS!
HOW COULDST THOU HOPE TO MATCH THE POWER OF TWO SUCH AS THEY?
US MEN WITHOUT FEAR DON'T BELIEVE IN KEEPING SECRETS FROM THUNDER GODS!
I'M NOT EXACTLY A PUSHOVER, PAL!
BUT, DON'T TAKE MY WORD FOR IT--TRY ME, AND SEE!


SO BE IT!
I SHALL PROVE THE FOLLY OF THY WAYS!
WHIIII!
KOK!
BUT, SINCE THOU ART MERELY MORTAL, I SHALL APPLY BUT A FRACTION OF MY ASGARDIAN STRENGTH!
BY RAGNAROK! THY REFLEXES DEFY UNDERSTANDING!
I NEVER CLAIMED I COULD EQUAL YOUR STRENGTH, LONG HAIR!
BUT, WHEN IT COMES TO PLAIN OL' RAZZLE-DAZZLE, I DON'T TAKE A BACK SEAT TO ANYONE!
SEE WHAT I MEAN?
MUSCLE-POWER IS OKAY, BUT--
YOU CAN'T HIT WHAT YOU CAN'T CATCH!
THUD!
HE'S RACING TOWARDS ME!
I'VE ONLY SECONDS TO USE MY BILLY CLUB CABLE--!
ZIT!


DO NOT COMPEL ME TO CAUSE THEE INJURY! I HAVE NO DESIRE TO INFLICT BODILY HARM!
FTHUP!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, FELLA! I'VE NO DESIRE TO BE HARMED!
I JUST WANNA SHOW YOU WHAT I CAN DO AGAINST THOSE TWO EX-PLAYMATES OF YOURS!
THY PERFORMANCE IS OF GREAT CREDIT TO THY SKILL AND DARING! AND YET--
IT SHALL AVAIL THEE NAUGHT!
SEE WHAT DOTH OCCUR WHEN ONE, POSSESSED OF SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH, CAN SEIZE THY CABLE!
THOU MUST HELPLESSLY HURTLE TO THE GROUND BELOW!
THUMP!
≥OOOF!≤ YOU'VE GOT A POINT THERE--PAL!
YET, THOUGH I HAVE BESTED THEE, I AM SINGULARLY IMPRESSED!
THY SKILL IS GREATER BY FAR THAN I SUPPOSED!
THEREFORE, I SAY THEE--YEA!
YEA??
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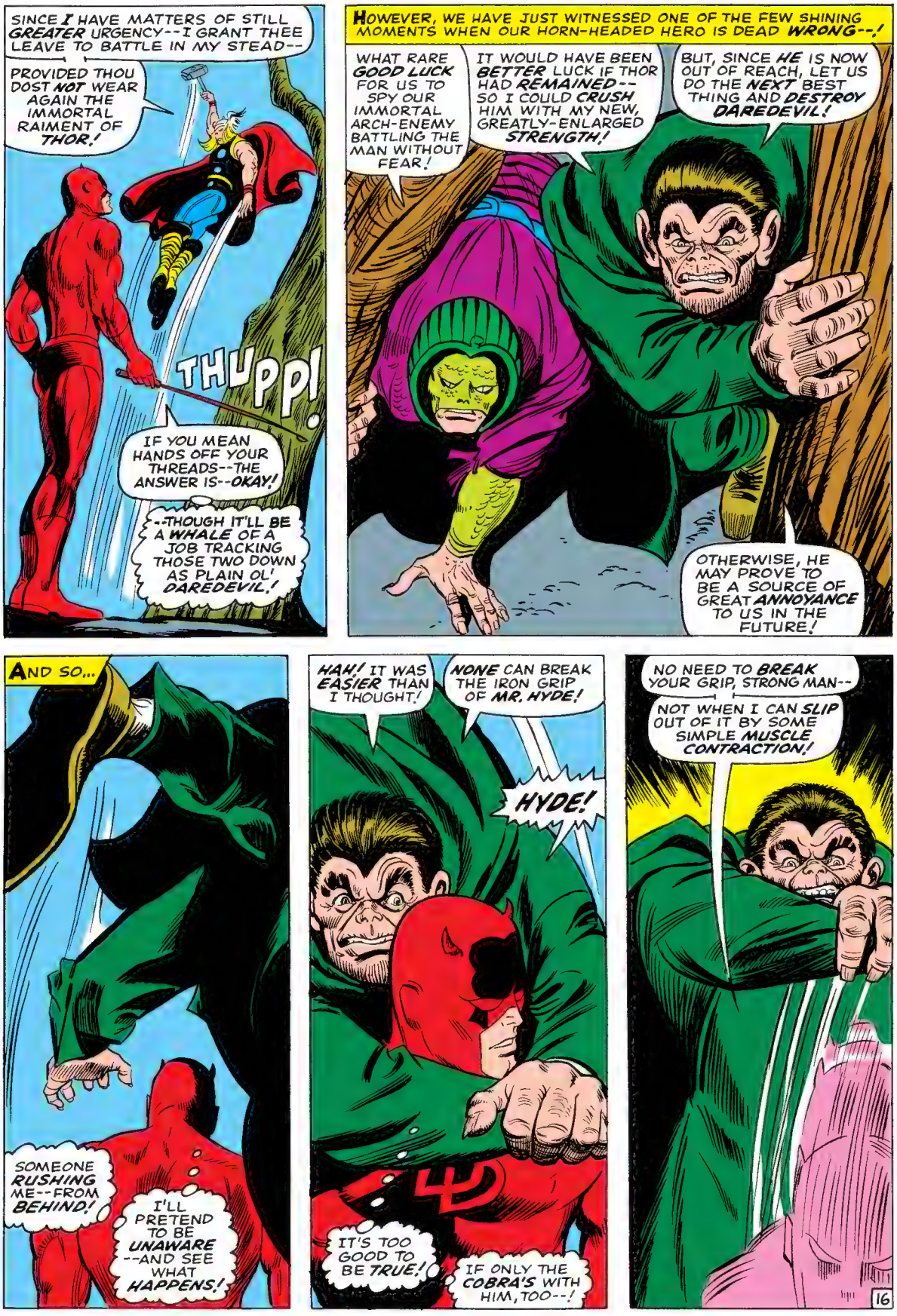
SINCE I HAVE MATTERS OF STILL GREATER URGENCY--I GRANT THEE LEAVE TO BATTLE IN MY STEAD--
PROVIDED THOU DOST NOT WEAR AGAIN THE IMMORTAL RAIMENT OF THOR!
THUPP!
IF YOU MEAN HANDS OFF YOUR THREADS--THE ANSWER IS--OKAY!
--THOUGH IT'LL BE A WHALE OF A JOB TRACKING THOSE TWO DOWN AS PLAIN OL' DAREDEVIL!
HOWEVER, WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED ONE OF THE FEW SHINING MOMENTS WHEN OUR HORN-HEADED HERO IS DEAD WRONG--!
WHAT RARE GOOD LUCK FOR US TO SPY OUR IMMORTAL ARCH-ENEMY BATTLING THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER LUCK IF THOR HAD REMAINED--SO I COULD CRUSH HIM WITH MY NEW, GREATLY-ENLARGED STRENGTH!
BUT, SINCE HE IS NOW OUT OF REACH, LET US DO THE NEXT BEST THING AND DESTROY DAREDEVIL!
OTHERWISE, HE MAY PROVE TO BE A SOURCE OF GREAT ANNOYANCE TO US IN THE FUTURE!
AND SO...
SOMEONE RUSHING ME--FROM BEHIND!
I'LL PRETEND TO BE UNAWARE --AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
HAH! IT WAS EASIER THAN I THOUGHT!
NONE CAN BREAK THE IRON GRIP OF MR. HYDE!
HYDE!
IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!
IF ONLY THE COBRA'S WITH HIM, TOO--!
NO NEED TO BREAK YOUR GRIP, STRONG MAN--
NOT WHEN I CAN SLIP OUT OF IT BY SOME SIMPLE MUSCLE CONTRACTION!
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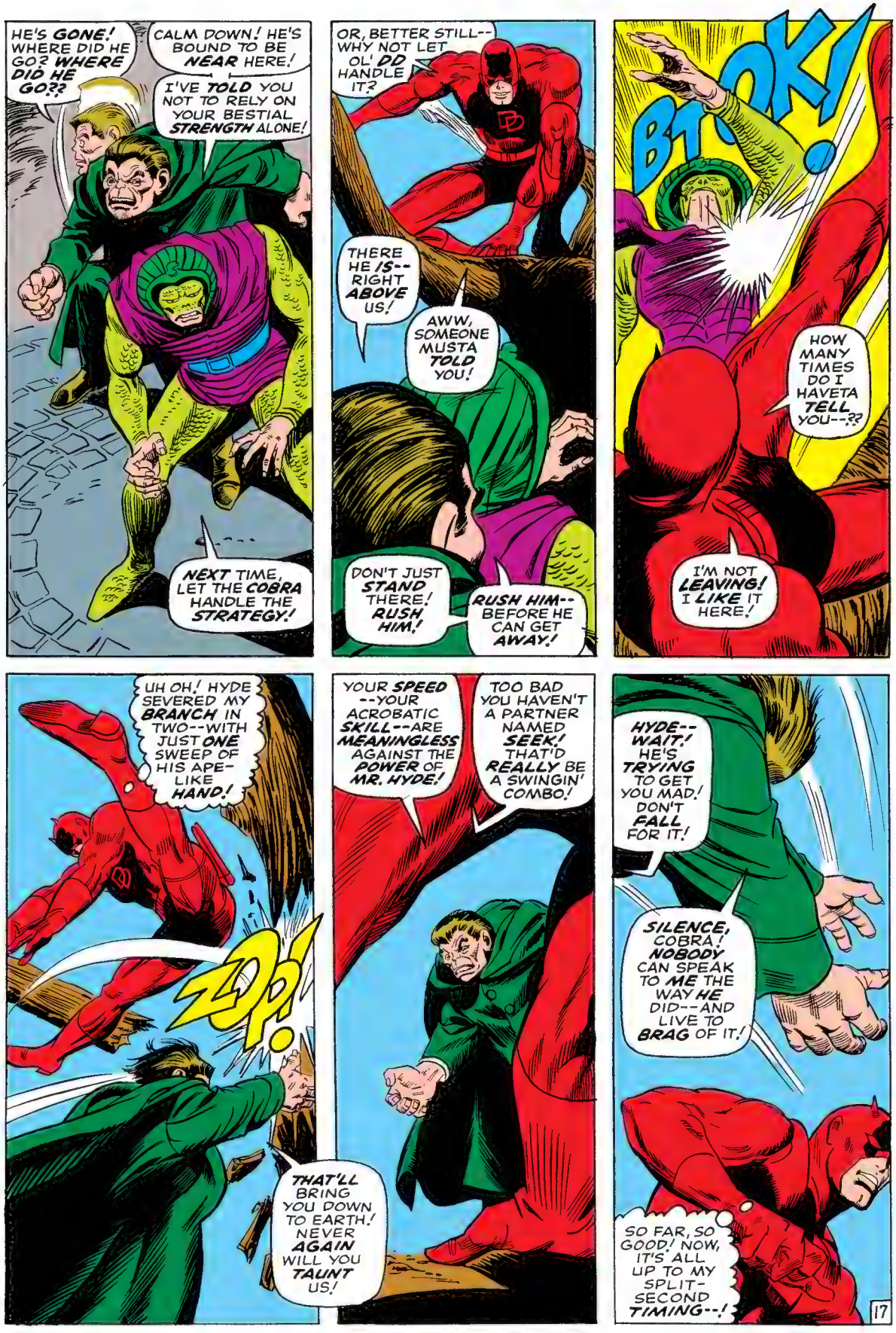
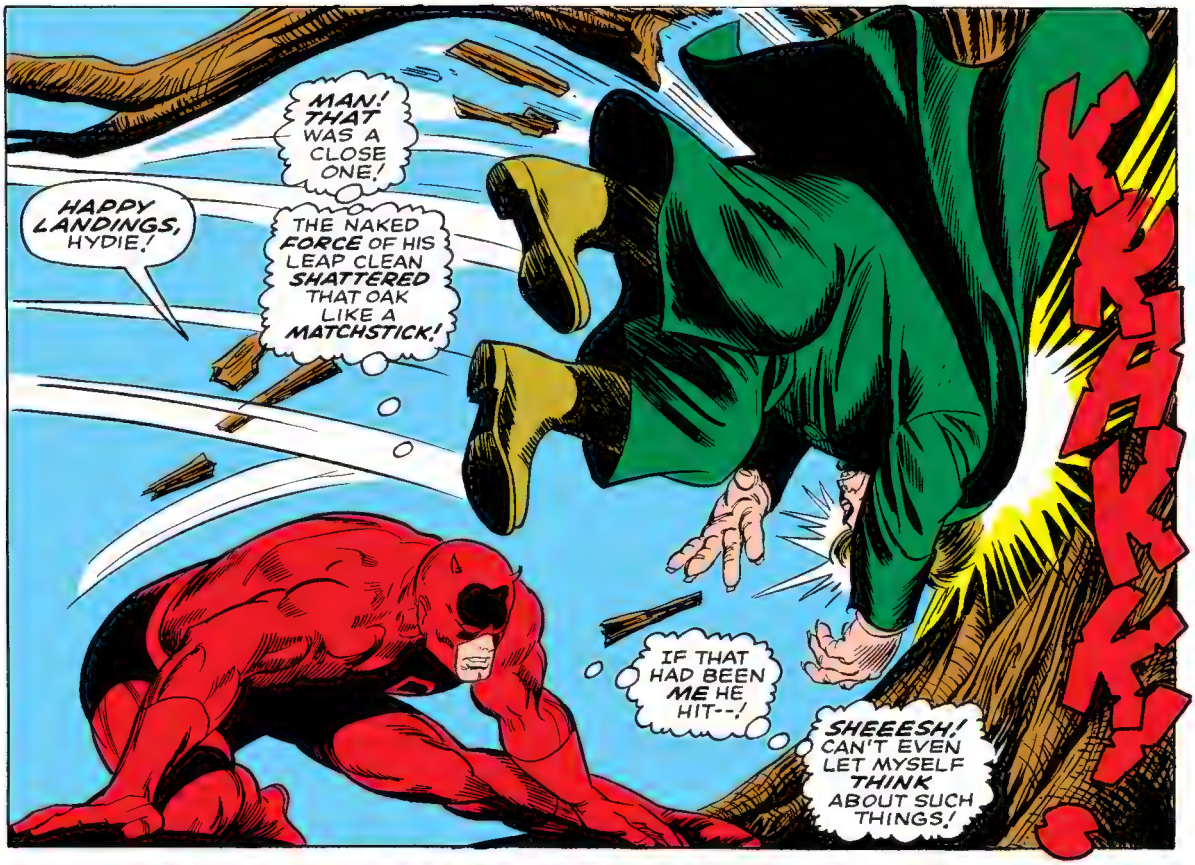
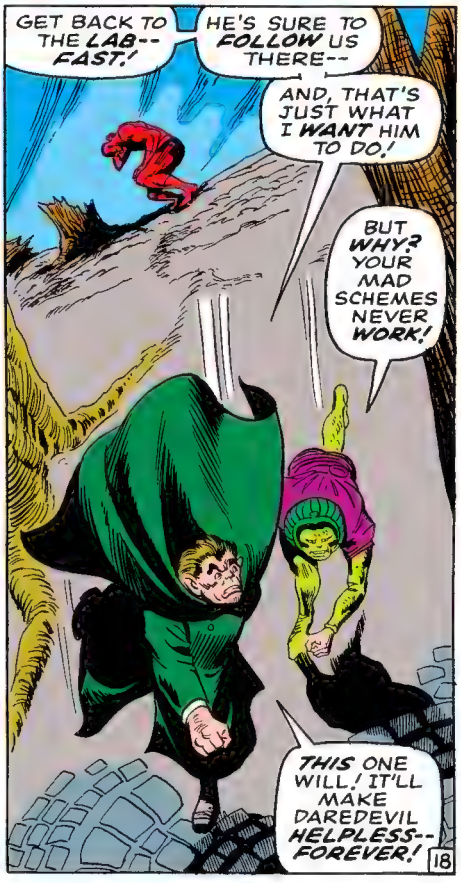
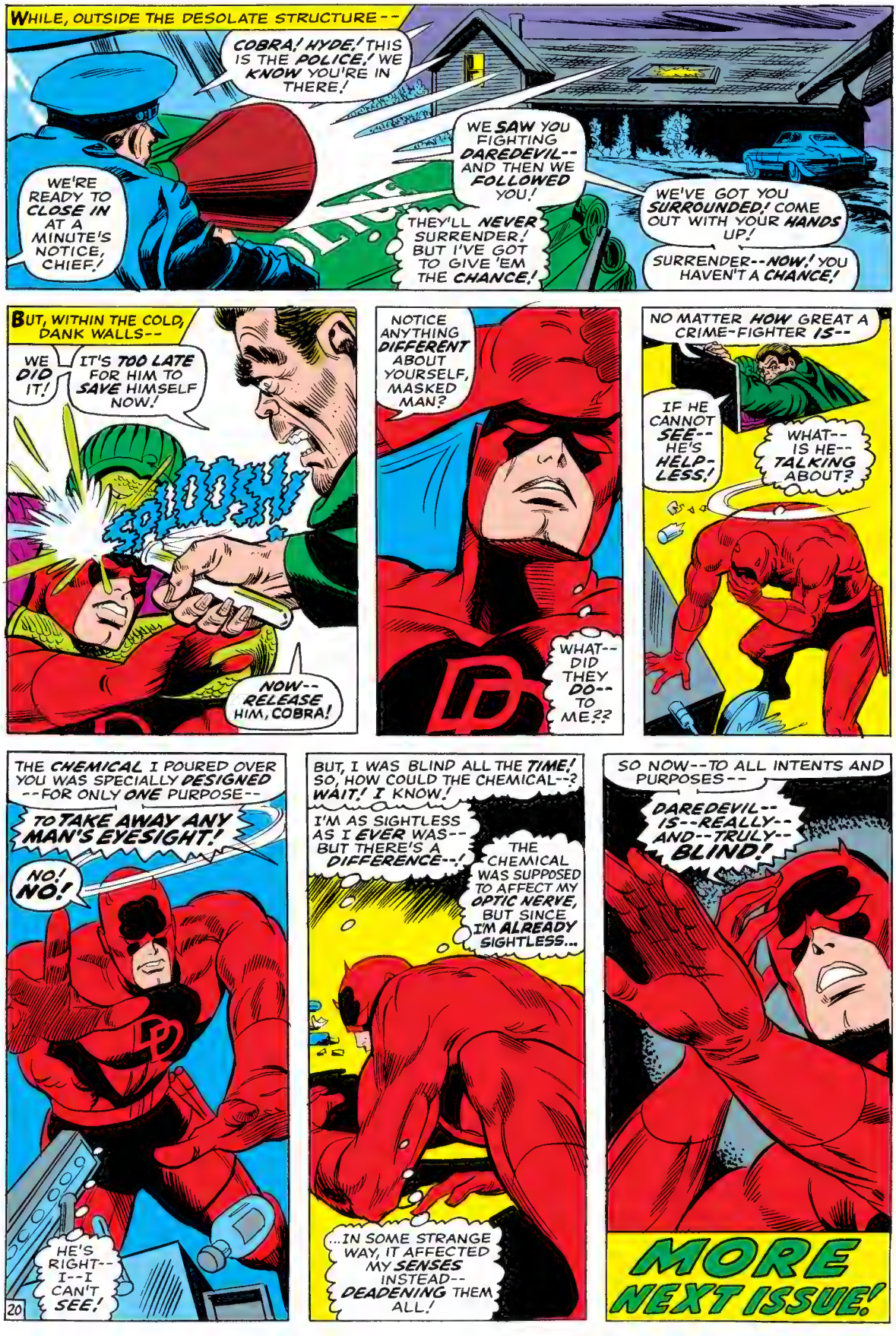

HE'S GONE! WHERE DID HE GO? WHERE DID HE GO??
CALM DOWN! HE'S BOUND TO BE NEAR HERE!
I'VE TOLD YOU NOT TO RELY ON YOUR BESTIAL STRENGTH ALONE!
NEXT TIME, LET THE COBRA HANDLE THE STRATEGY!
OR, BETTER STILL--WHY NOT LET OL' DD HANDLE IT?
THERE HE IS--RIGHT ABOVE US!
AWW, SOMEONE MUSTA TOLD YOU!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! RUSH HIM!
RUSH HIM--BEFORE HE CAN GET AWAY!
BT-OK!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVETA TELL YOU--??
I'M NOT LEAVING! I LIKE IT HERE!
UH OH! HYDE SEVERED MY BRANCH IN TWO--WITH JUST ONE SWEEP OF HIS APE-LIKE HAND!
ZOP!
THAT'LL BRING YOU DOWN TO EARTH! NEVER AGAIN WILL YOU TAUNT US!
YOUR SPEED--YOUR ACROBATIC SKILL--ARE MEANINGLESS AGAINST THE POWER OF MR. HYDE!
TOO BAD YOU HAVEN'T A PARTNER NAMED SEEK! THAT'D REALLY BE A SWINGIN' COMBO!
HYDE--WAIT! HE'S TRYING TO GET YOU MAD! DON'T FALL FOR IT!
SILENCE, COBRA! NOBODY CAN SPEAK TO ME THE WAY HE DID--AND LIVE TO BRAG OF IT!
SO FAR, SO GOOD! NOW, IT'S ALL UP TO MY SPLIT-SECOND TIMING--!

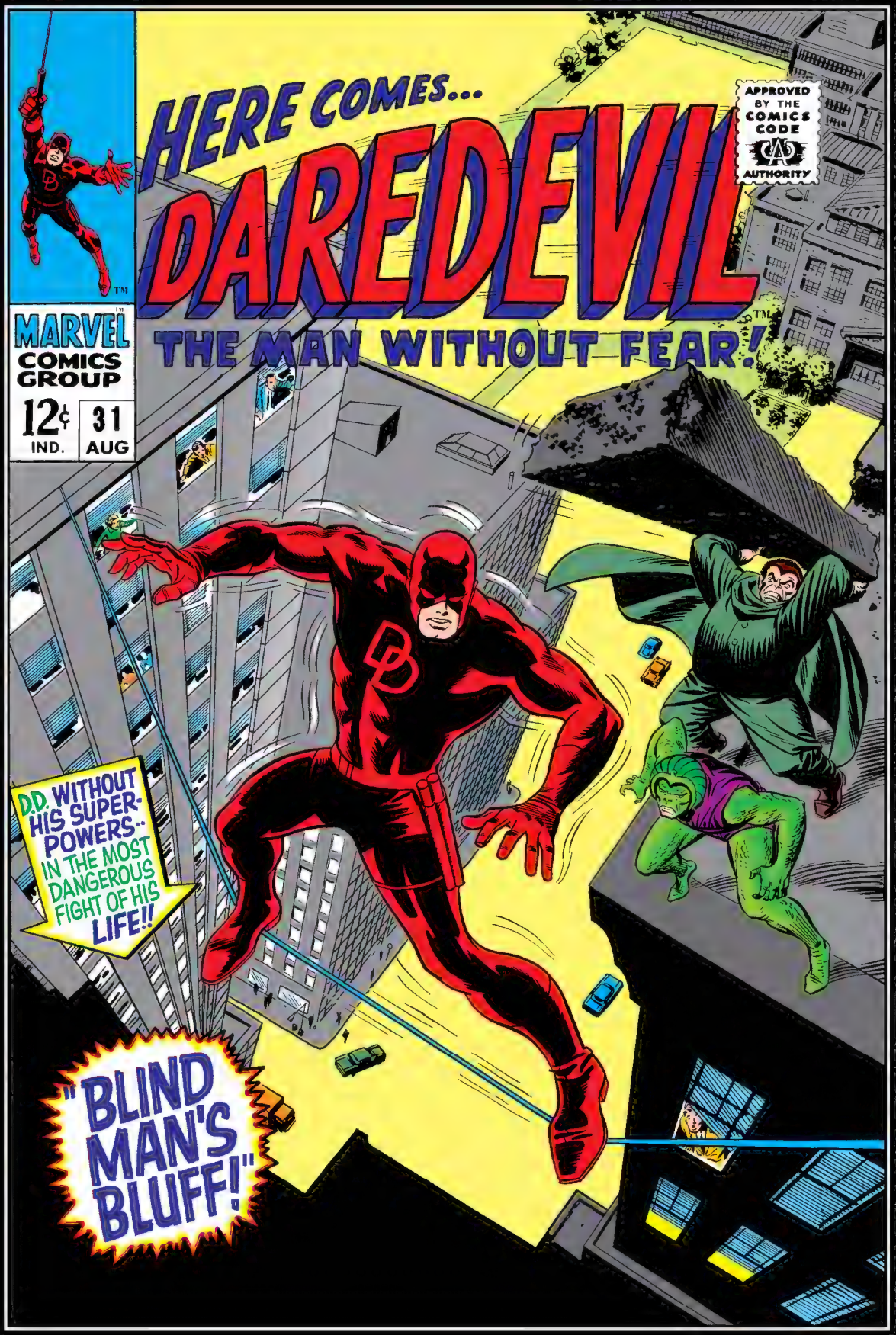

MAN! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
HAPPY LANDINGS, HYDIE!
THE NAKED FORCE OF HIS LEAP CLEAN SHATTERED THAT OAK LIKE A MATCHSTICK!
KRAKK!
IF THAT HAD BEEN ME HE HIT--!
SHEEESH! CAN'T EVEN LET MYSELF THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS!

BUT, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COBRA?
I WAS SO PRE-OCCUPIED WITH HYDE, THAT I FORGOT TO--
UNNHHHH!
ZAT!
HOLD IT, COBRA! DON'T FINISH HIM OFF!
I HAVE A BETTER IDEA!


GET BACK TO THE LAB-- FAST!
HE'S SURE TO FOLLOW US THERE--
AND, THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANT HIM TO DO!
BUT WHY? YOUR MAD SCHEMES NEVER WORK!
THIS ONE WILL! IT'LL MAKE DAREDEVIL HELPLESS-- FOREVER!

THERE THEY GO--INTO A GETAWAY CAR!
I HEAR THE DOORS OPENING! THEY HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED THE MOTOR YET!
I'LL REACH THEM EASY!
THERE'S JUST ONE THING THAT DOESN'T ADD UP!
THE COBRA DOWNED ME WITH ONE PUNCH FROM BEHIND!
BUT, CAN'T AFFORD TO LET 'EM GET AWAY NOW!
MAYBE I'LL FIND THE ANSWERS I WANT LATER ON!
BUT, THEY RAN OFF! WHY? WHY DIDN'T THEY TRY TO FINISH ME?
THEY'RE HEADING FOR HAUNTED HILL -- WHERE THERE'S AN OLD DESERTED BARN!
SECONDS LATER, WITHIN THAT "DESERTED-LOOKING" STRUCTURE...
WHY DOESN'T HE TRY TO BREAK IN? WHERE IS HE?
I DON'T LIKE THIS PLAN, HYDE! I DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL!
PATIENCE, COBRA! HE'LL BE HERE! HE'S GOT TO BE HERE!
AND, WHEN HE ARRIVES, MY FORMULA WILL BE READY!
HEADS UP, GROUP!
CRASH!
YOU!
YOU CRASHED IN THRU THE SKYLIGHT!
I KNOW! I DIDN'T WANNA DISTURB YOU BY RINGING THE BELL!
HEY!-- WHAT IN THE--??!
YOU DIDN'T REALIZE HOW FAST THE COBRA CAN ATTACK!
GOTTA GET HIM OFF!
HE CAN WRAP HIMSELF AROUND A VICTIM JUST LIKE HIS NAMESAKE!
HOLD HIM! HOLD HIM! THAT'S IT-- GOOD!
JUST FOR ANOTHER SECOND--
AND THEN, AFTER THAT, IT WILL NO LONGER MATTER!


WHILE, OUTSIDE THE DESOLATE STRUCTURE--
COBRA! HYDE! THIS IS THE POLICE! WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!
WE'RE READY TO CLOSE IN AT A MINUTE'S NOTICE, CHIEF!
WE SAW YOU FIGHTING DAREDEVIL-- AND THEN WE FOLLOWED YOU!
THEY'LL NEVER SURRENDER! BUT I'VE GOT TO GIVE 'EM THE CHANCE!
WE'VE GOT YOU SURROUNDED! COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!
SURRENDER--NOW! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE!
BUT, WITHIN THE COLD, DANK WALLS--
WE DID IT!
IT'S TOO LATE FOR HIM TO SAVE HIMSELF NOW!
KRUNCH!
NOW-- RELEASE HIM, COBRA!
NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT YOURSELF, MASKED MAN?
WHAT-- DID THEY DO-- TO ME??
NO MATTER HOW GREAT A CRIME-FIGHTER IS--
IF HE CANNOT SEE-- HE'S HELP-LESS!
WHAT-- IS HE-- TALKING ABOUT?
THE CHEMICAL I POURED OVER YOU WAS SPECIALLY DESIGNED --FOR ONLY ONE PURPOSE--
TO TAKE AWAY ANY MAN'S EYESIGHT!
NO! NO!
HE'S RIGHT-- I--I CAN'T SEE!
BUT, I WAS BLIND ALL THE TIME! SO, HOW COULD THE CHEMICAL--? WAIT! I KNOW!
I'M AS SIGHTLESS AS I EVER WAS-- BUT THERE'S A DIFFERENCE--!
THE CHEMICAL WAS SUPPOSED TO AFFECT MY OPTIC NERVE, BUT SINCE I'M ALREADY SIGHTLESS...
...IN SOME STRANGE WAY, IT AFFECTED MY SENSES INSTEAD-- DEADENING THEM ALL!
SO NOW--TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES--
DAREDEVIL-- IS--REALLY-- AND--TRULY-- BLIND!
MORE NEXT ISSUE!


HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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D.D. WITHOUT HIS SUPER-POWERS.. IN THE MOST DANGEROUS FIGHT OF HIS LIFE!!
"BLIND MAN'S BLUFF!"

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"BLIND MAN'S BLUFF!"
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN BLIND,,, BUT I HAD MY SUPER SENSES TO MAKE UP FOR IT.! YET, NOW--
THE POWER WHICH MADE ME DAREDEVIL--IS GONE.! I'M AS HELPLESS AS ANY BLIND MAN.!
A STAN (THE MAN) LEE and GENE (THE DEAN) COLAN THRILL-A-MINUTE TRIUMPH!
EMBELLISHED BY: JOHN TARTAGLIONE
LETTERED BY: ARTIE SIMEK
LAST ISH, WE SAW THE FIENDISH MR. HYDE HURL A POTENT CHEMICAL AT DAREDEVIL, HOPING TO DESTROY HIS EYESIGHT.! BUT, SINCE THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR IS ALREADY BLIND, HYDE'S FORMULA AFFECTED HIS SUPER SENSES INSTEAD--MAKING THEM TOTALLY USELESS.! BUT THAT'S NOTHING.! THINGS REALLY GET RUGGED FOR OUR HERO IN THIS INCREDIBLE ISH--!!
HANG LOOSE, HALLOWED ONE! YOU'RE ABOUT TO READ THE MOST UNUSUAL SAGA OF ALL--!
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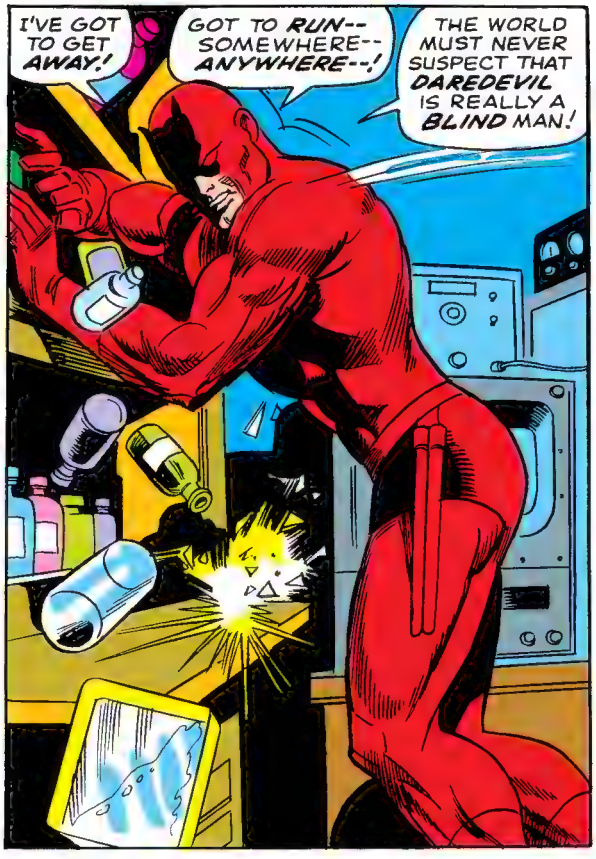
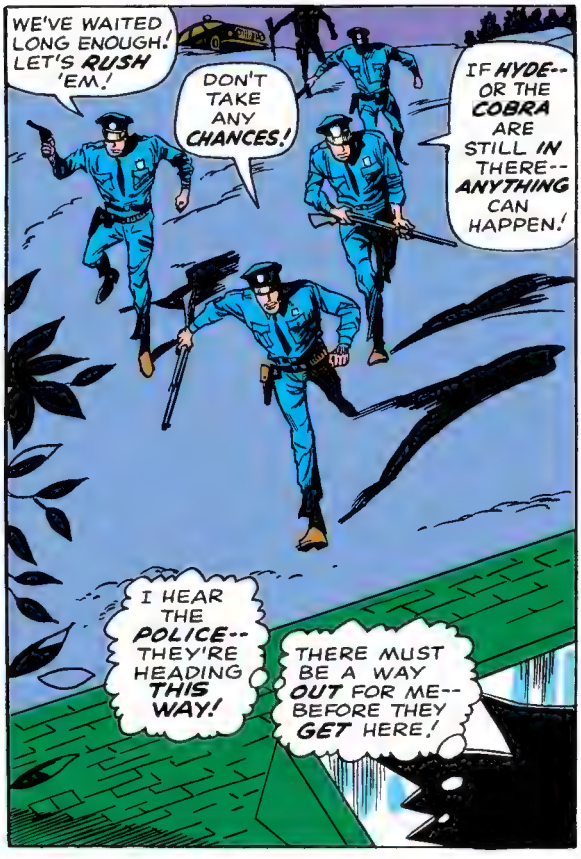
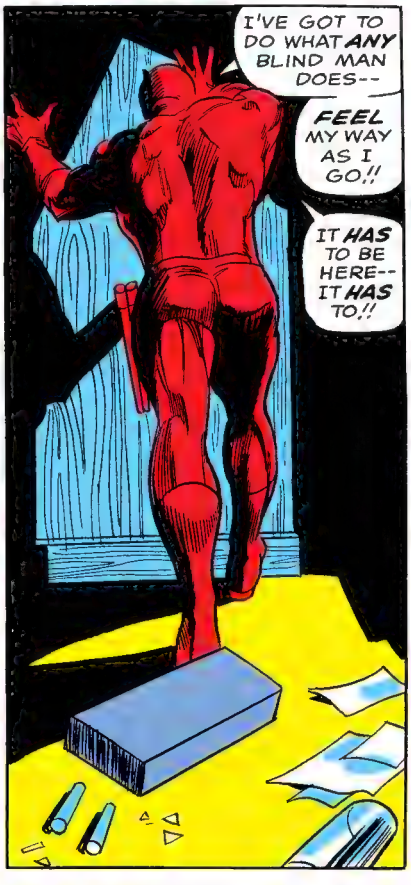
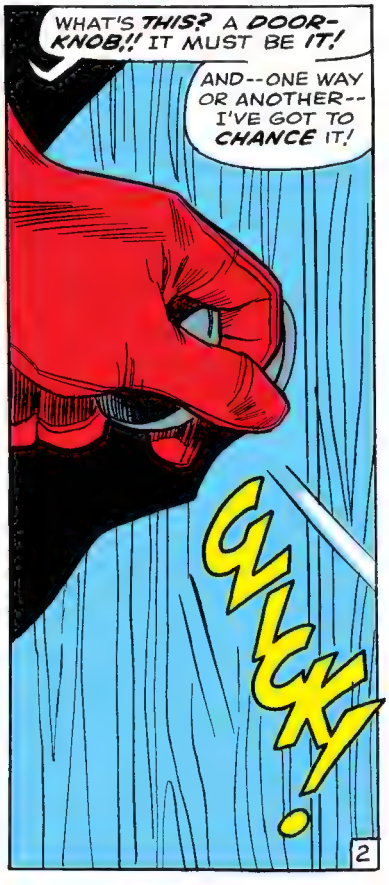

I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY!
GOT TO RUN-- SOMEWHERE-- ANYWHERE--!
THE WORLD MUST NEVER SUSPECT THAT DAREDEVIL IS REALLY A BLIND MAN!


WE'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH! LET'S RUSH 'EM!
DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!
IF HYDE-- OR THE COBRA ARE STILL IN THERE-- ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN!
I HEAR THE POLICE-- THEY'RE HEADING THIS WAY!
THERE MUST BE A WAY OUT FOR ME-- BEFORE THEY GET HERE!

I KNOW THERE'S A DOOR BACK HERE SOMEWHERE-- A HIDDEN ESCAPE ROUTE!
I HEARD THEM RUNNING OUT-- JUST SECONDS AGO!
BUT-- HOW DO I FIND IT??


I'VE GOT TO DO WHAT ANY BLIND MAN DOES--
FEEL MY WAY AS I GO!!
IT HAS TO BE HERE-- IT HAS TO!!


WHAT'S THIS? A DOOR-- KNOB!! IT MUST BE IT!
AND--ONE WAY OR ANOTHER-- I'VE GOT TO CHANCE IT!
CLICK!

WHILE, SECONDS LATER--
ARE THEY IN THERE, LEW?
NOT A SIGN OF 'EM!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE TOO LATE!
SLAM!
SPRAK!
FAN OUT, MEN! GO OVER THIS PLACE WITH A FINE-TOOTH COMB!
I WANNA KNOW WHO WAS IN HERE-- AND WHY!
THEY COULD HAVE GOTTEN OUT THIS WAY!
OR THRU THIS HIDDEN TRAP DOOR!
I GET THE FEELING SOMEONE ELSE WAS WITH THE COBRA AND HYDE!
BUT-- WHO??
FOR THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION, LET'S VISIT A DARKENED SIDE-STREET IN THE EARLY, SILENT HOURS BEFORE DAWN--
MY LUCK IS STILL HOLDING OUT!
I'VE HEARD ALMOST NO TRAFFIC--NO SOUNDS OF PEDESTRIANS!
THAT MEANS IT'S STILL EARLY IN THE MORNING-- BEFORE THE SUNRISE!
I STILL HAVE A CHANCE OF REACHING HOME --WITHOUT BEING SEEN!
BUT-- WHA-?!! I'M FALLING! I WAS TOO CARELESS-- MOVED TOO FAST!
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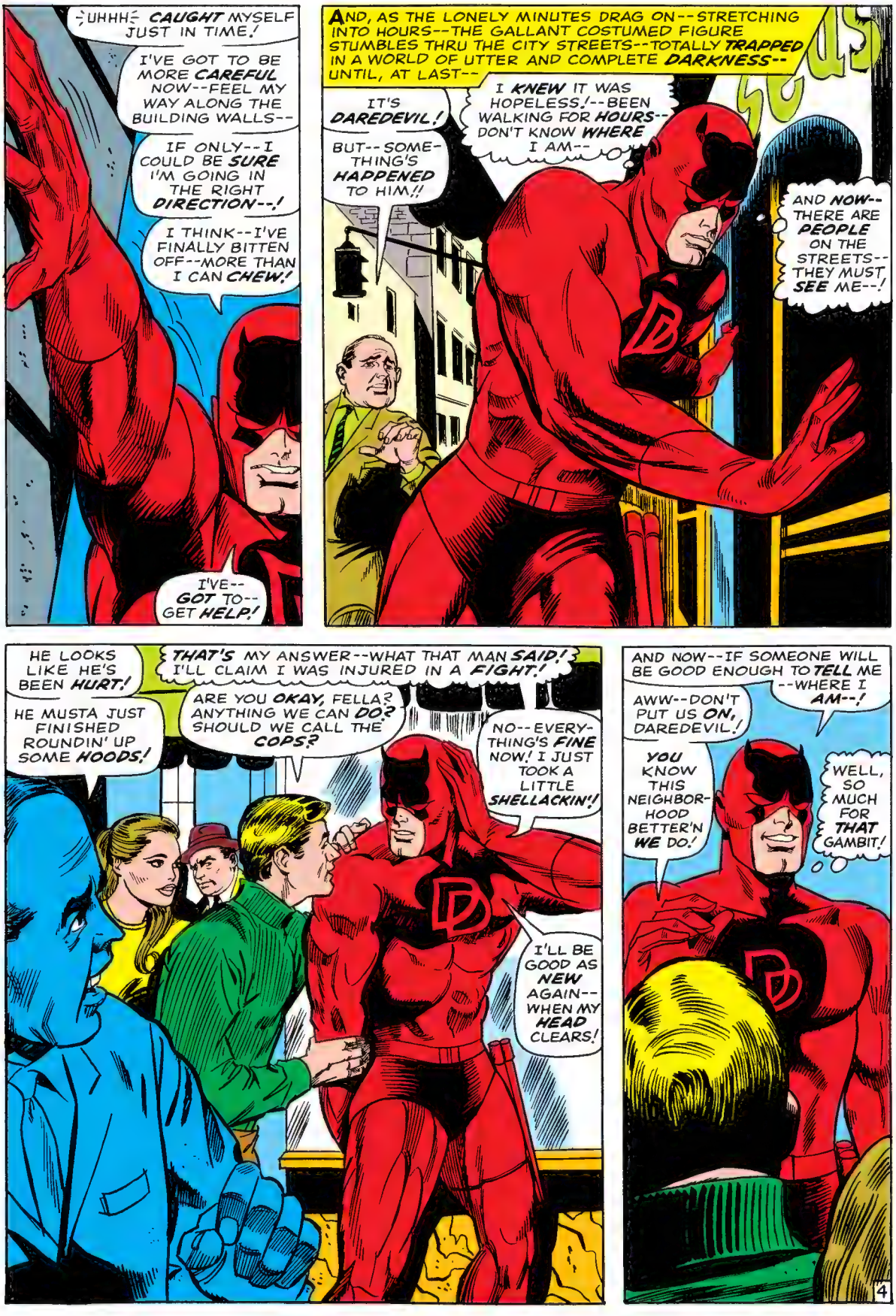
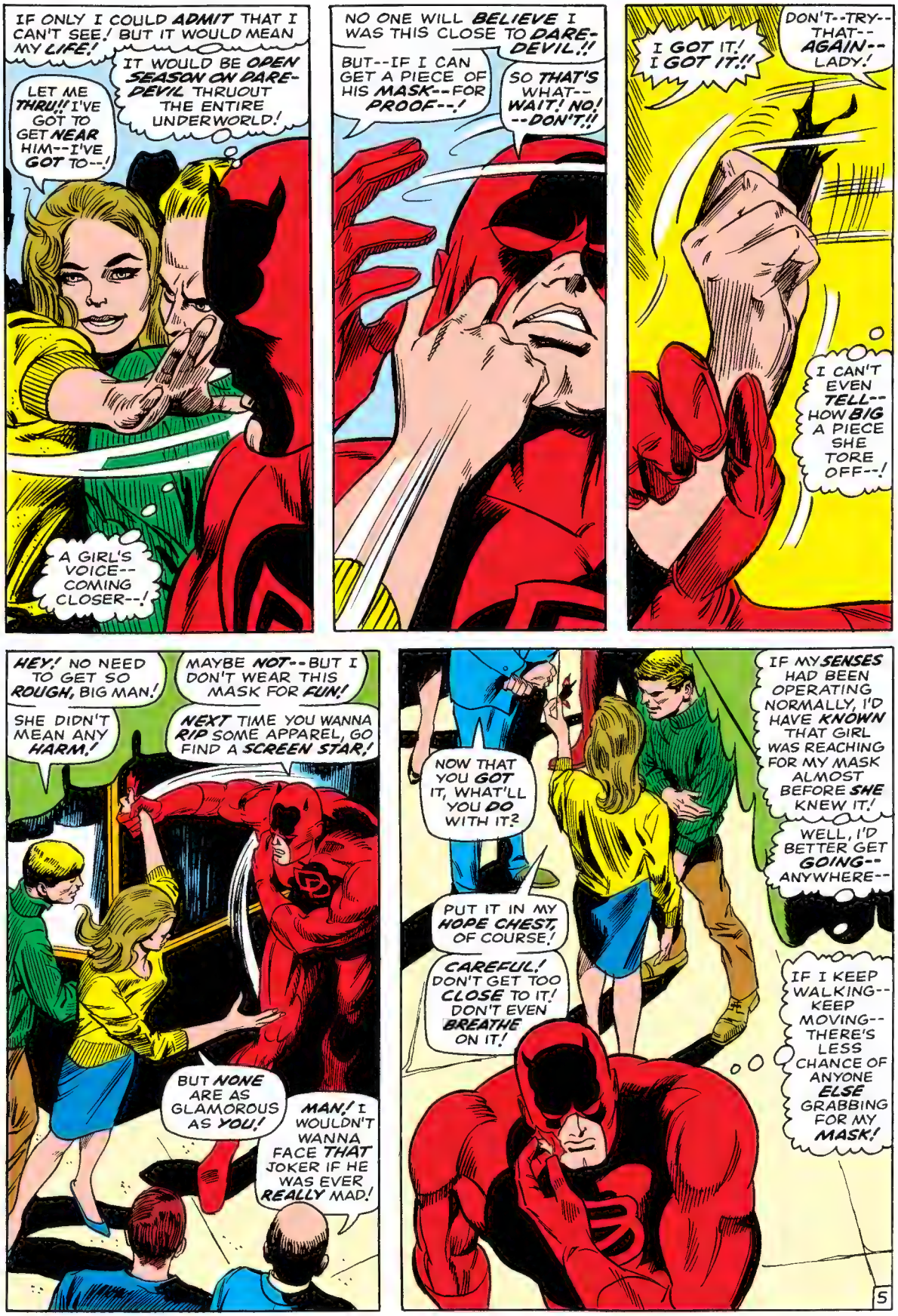

UHHH! CAUGHT MYSELF JUST IN TIME!
I'VE GOT TO BE MORE CAREFUL NOW--FEEL MY WAY ALONG THE BUILDING WALLS--
IF ONLY--I COULD BE SURE I'M GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION--!
I THINK--I'VE FINALLY BITTEN OFF--MORE THAN I CAN CHEW!
I'VE--GOT TO--GET HELP!
AND, AS THE LONELY MINUTES DRAG ON--STRETCHING INTO HOURS--THE GALLANT COSTUMED FIGURE STUMBLES THRU THE CITY STREETS--TOTALLY TRAPPED IN A WORLD OF UTTER AND COMPLETE DARKNESS--UNTIL, AT LAST--
IT'S DAREDEVIL!
I KNEW IT WAS HOPELESS!--BEEN WALKING FOR HOURS--DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM--
BUT--SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM!!
AND NOW--THERE ARE PEOPLE ON THE STREETS--THEY MUST SEE ME--!
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN HURT!
HE MUSTA JUST FINISHED ROUNDIN' UP SOME HOODS!
THAT'S MY ANSWER--WHAT THAT MAN SAID! I'LL CLAIM I WAS INJURED IN A FIGHT!
ARE YOU OKAY, FELLA? ANYTHING WE CAN DO? SHOULD WE CALL THE COPS?
NO--EVERYTHING'S FINE NOW! I JUST TOOK A LITTLE SHELLACKIN'!
I'LL BE GOOD AS NEW AGAIN--WHEN MY HEAD CLEARS!
AND NOW--IF SOMEONE WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO TELL ME --WHERE I AM--!
AWW--DON'T PUT US ON, DAREDEVIL!
YOU KNOW THIS NEIGHBORHOOD BETTER'N WE DO!
WELL, SO MUCH FOR THAT GAMBIT!


IF ONLY I COULD ADMIT THAT I CAN'T SEE! BUT IT WOULD MEAN MY LIFE!
IT WOULD BE OPEN SEASON ON DARE-DEVIL THRUOUT THE ENTIRE UNDERWORLD!
LET ME THRU!! I'VE GOT TO GET NEAR HIM--I'VE GOT TO--!
A GIRL'S VOICE--COMING CLOSER--!
NO ONE WILL BELIEVE I WAS THIS CLOSE TO DARE-DEVIL!!
BUT--IF I CAN GET A PIECE OF HIS MASK--FOR PROOF--!
SO THAT'S WHAT--WAIT! NO! --DON'T!!
I GOT IT! I GOT IT!!
DON'T--TRY--THAT--AGAIN--LADY!
I CAN'T EVEN TELL--HOW BIG A PIECE SHE TORE OFF--!
HEY! NO NEED TO GET SO ROUGH, BIG MAN!
MAYBE NOT--BUT I DON'T WEAR THIS MASK FOR FUN!
SHE DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM!
NEXT TIME YOU WANNA RIP SOME APPAREL, GO FIND A SCREEN STAR!
BUT NONE ARE AS GLAMOROUS AS YOU!
MAN! I WOULDN'T WANNA FACE THAT JOKER IF HE WAS EVER REALLY MAD!
NOW THAT YOU GOT IT, WHAT'LL YOU DO WITH IT?
PUT IT IN MY HOPE CHEST, OF COURSE!
CAREFUL! DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO IT! DON'T EVEN BREATHE ON IT!
IF MY SENSES HAD BEEN OPERATING NORMALLY, I'D HAVE KNOWN THAT GIRL WAS REACHING FOR MY MASK ALMOST BEFORE SHE KNEW IT!
WELL, I'D BETTER GET GOING--ANYWHERE--
IF I KEEP WALKING--KEEP MOVING--THERE'S LESS CHANCE OF ANYONE ELSE GRABBING FOR MY MASK!

UNHHH!
ALTHOUGH THERE'S MORE CHANCE OF ME BREAKING MY FOOL NECK BY BUMPING INTO SOMETHING!
IT--FEELS LIKE--A PARKING METER!
THAK
THAT MEANS I'M NEAR THE CURB!
SAY! WAIT A MINUTE!
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS BEFORE--??!
IT'S THE EASIEST WAY IN THE WORLD TO REACH MY PAD--
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS--
CALL A--
TAXI!
HEY, WADDAYA KNOW!
I NEVER PICKED UP A SUPER-HERO BEFORE!
HOW COME YA AINT JUST SWINGIN' THRU THE STREET?
I JOINED A UNION! THIS IS MY COFFEE BREAK TIME!
TAXI
UH OH! I WONDER HOW MY CREDIT IS?
I DON'T HAVE A RED CENT WITH ME!
APPARENTLY, DD's CREDIT IS OKAY--BECAUSE, A FEW MINUTES LATER--
I TOLD HIM I WANTED TO VISIT MATT MURDOCK, BECAUSE I NEEDED A LAWYER!
I EVEN HAD HIM LOOK UP THE ADDRESS--AS THOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW IT!
NOW--IF I REMEMBER RIGHTLY--MY STAIRWAY SHOULD BE JUST AHEAD--!
MAN! WHAT A RELIEF! FOR A WHILE THERE, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D MAKE IT THIS FAR!
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS--WHAT DO I DO NEXT??
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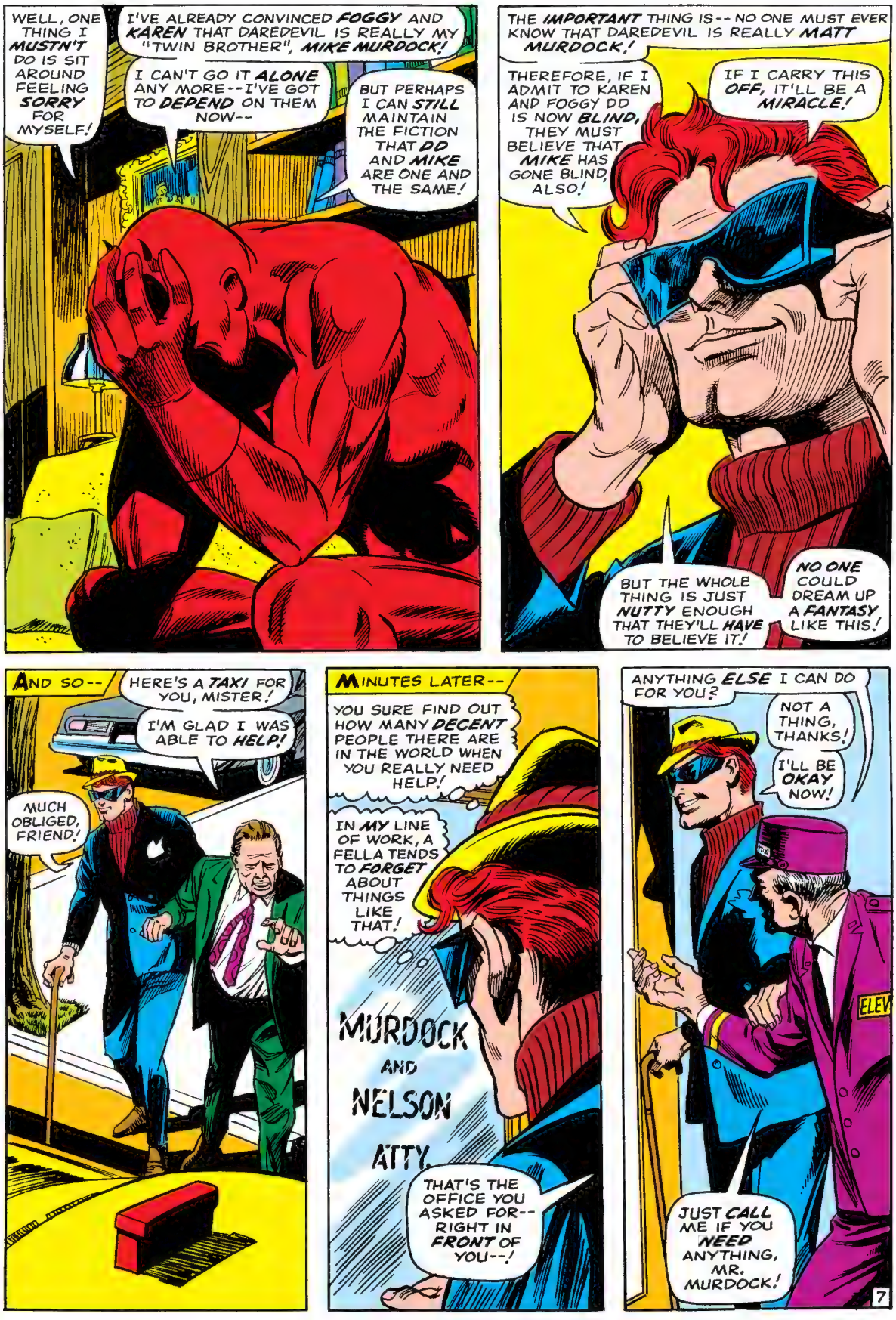
WELL, ONE THING I MUSTN'T DO IS SIT AROUND FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF!
I'VE ALREADY CONVINCED FOGGY AND KAREN THAT DAREDEVIL IS REALLY MY "TWIN BROTHER", MIKE MURDOCK!
I CAN'T GO IT ALONE ANY MORE--I'VE GOT TO DEPEND ON THEM NOW--
BUT PERHAPS I CAN STILL MAINTAIN THE FICTION THAT DD AND MIKE ARE ONE AND THE SAME!
THE IMPORTANT THING IS--NO ONE MUST EVER KNOW THAT DAREDEVIL IS REALLY MATT MURDOCK!
THEREFORE, IF I ADMIT TO KAREN AND FOGGY DD IS NOW BLIND, THEY MUST BELIEVE THAT MIKE HAS GONE BLIND, ALSO!
IF I CARRY THIS OFF, IT'LL BE A MIRACLE!
BUT THE WHOLE THING IS JUST NUTTY ENOUGH THAT THEY'LL HAVE TO BELIEVE IT!
NO ONE COULD DREAM UP A FANTASY LIKE THIS!
AND SO--
HERE'S A TAXI FOR YOU, MISTER!
I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO HELP!
MUCH OBLIGED, FRIEND!
MINUTES LATER--
YOU SURE FIND OUT HOW MANY DECENT PEOPLE THERE ARE IN THE WORLD WHEN YOU REALLY NEED HELP!
IN MY LINE OF WORK, A FELLA TENDS TO FORGET ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT!
MURDOCK AND NELSON ATTY.
THAT'S THE OFFICE YOU ASKED FOR--RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU--!
ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO FOR YOU?
NOT A THING, THANKS!
I'LL BE OKAY NOW!
JUST CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, MR. MURDOCK!
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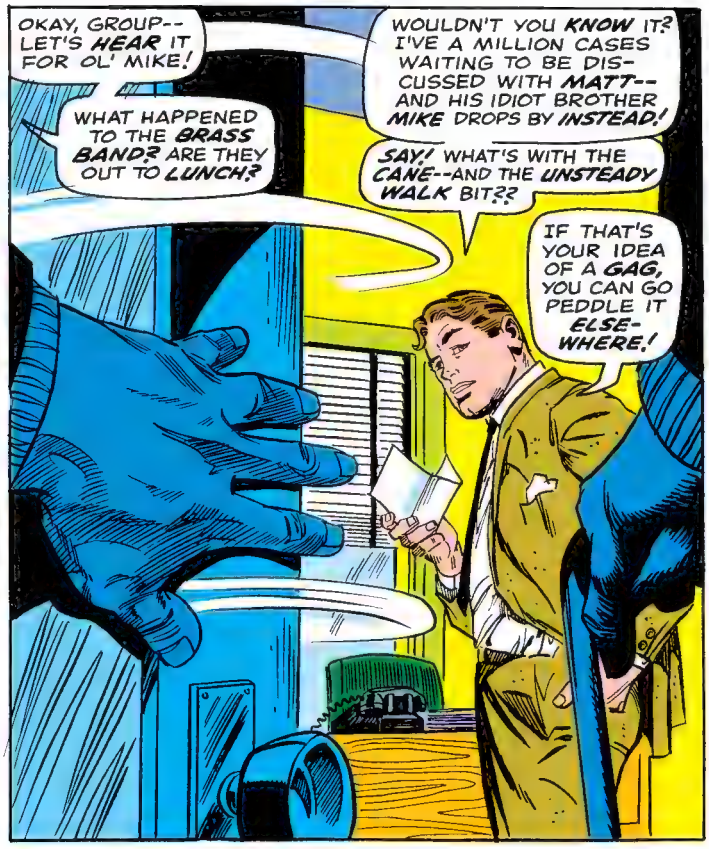
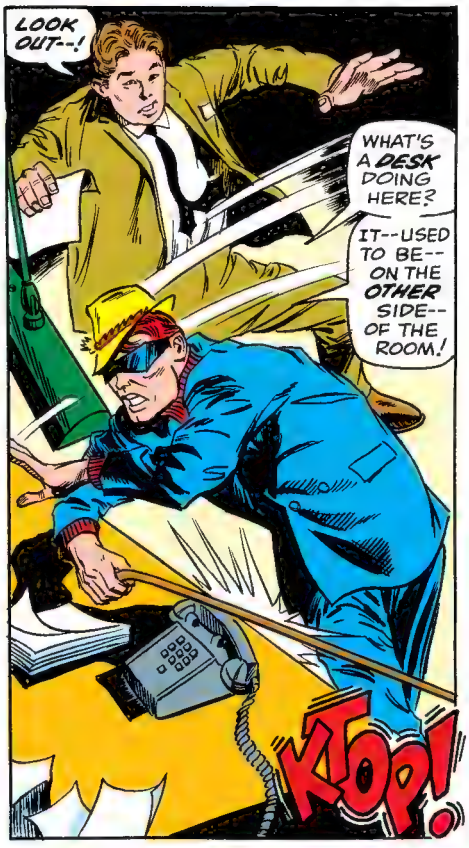
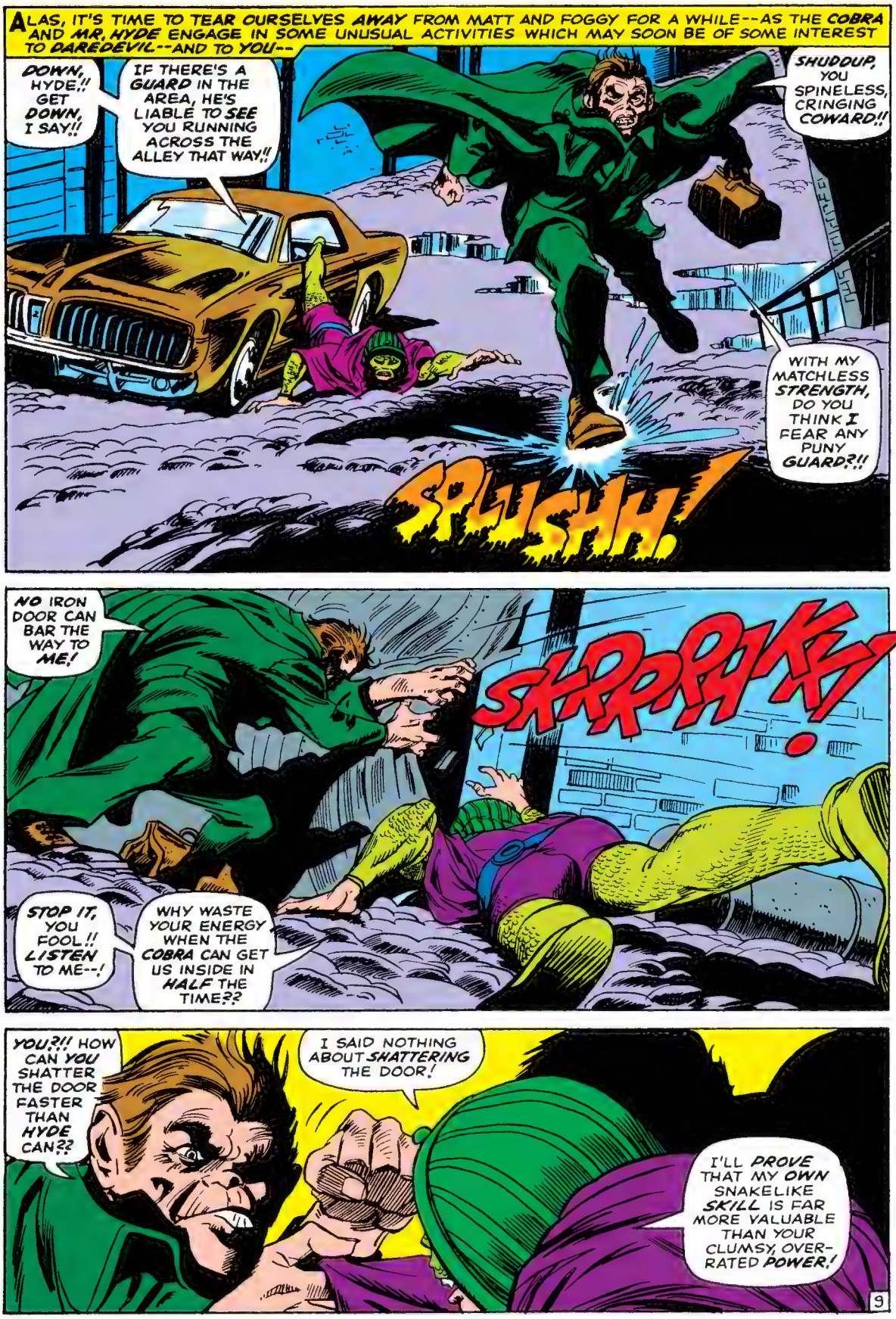

OKAY, GROUP--LET'S HEAR IT FOR OL' MIKE!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BRASS BAND? ARE THEY OUT TO LUNCH?
WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT? I'VE A MILLION CASES WAITING TO BE DISCUSSED WITH MATT--AND HIS IDIOT BROTHER MIKE DROPS BY INSTEAD!
SAY! WHAT'S WITH THE CANE--AND THE UNSTEADY WALK BIT??
IF THAT'S YOUR IDEA OF A GAG, YOU CAN GO PEDDLE IT ELSEWHERE!


LOOK OUT--!
WHAT'S A DESK DOING HERE?
IT--USED TO BE--ON THE OTHER SIDE--OF THE ROOM!
KLOP!

LEVEL WITH ME, MIKE--WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU, FELLA?
EVER HEAR OF A BLIND SUPER-HERO?
WELL, I'M INTRODUCING YOU TO ONE RIGHT NOW!
IN A NUTSHELL, LAWYER MAN--I CAN'T SEE!!

BUT--MATT'S THE BLIND ONE! I--I DON'T GET IT--!
FIGURE IT OUT, SON--I'M MATT'S BROTHER, RIGHT?
MAYBE WE BOTH WERE BORN WITH A WEAKNESS IN OUR EYES--ONLY MINE DIDN'T HIT ME TILL YEARS AFTER MATT'S!
TROUBLE WITH YOUR EYES! THEN--THAT'S WHY YOU ALWAYS WORE THOSE SUN-GLASSES! IT WAS MORE THAN JUST AN ACT!
IT'S WORKING! HE'S SWALLOWING IT! HE STILL DOESN'T SUSPECT THAT I'M REALLY MATT!!


ALAS, IT'S TIME TO TEAR OURSELVES AWAY FROM MATT AND FOGGY FOR A WHILE--AS THE COBRA AND MR. HYDE ENGAGE IN SOME UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY SOON BE OF SOME INTEREST TO DAREDEVIL--AND TO YOU--
DOWN, HYDE!! GET DOWN, I SAY!!
IF THERE'S A GUARD IN THE AREA, HE'S LIABLE TO SEE YOU RUNNING ACROSS THE ALLEY THAT WAY!!
SHUDDUP, YOU SPINELESS, CRINGING COWARD!!
WITH MY MATCHLESS STRENGTH, DO YOU THINK I FEAR ANY PUNY GUARD?!!
SPLUSH!
NO IRON DOOR CAN BAR THE WAY TO ME!
SKRRRIKK!
STOP IT, YOU FOOL!! LISTEN TO ME--!
WHY WASTE YOUR ENERGY WHEN THE COBRA CAN GET US INSIDE IN HALF THE TIME??
YOU?!! HOW CAN YOU SHATTER THE DOOR FASTER THAN HYDE CAN??
I SAID NOTHING ABOUT SHATTERING THE DOOR!
I'LL PROVE THAT MY OWN SNAKELIKE SKILL IS FAR MORE VALUABLE THAN YOUR CLUMSY, OVER-RATED POWER!
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WAIT! YOU CAN'T MAKE IT THRU THAT PIPE!!
IT BENDS TOO SHARPLY--AT A 90° ANGLE!!
THE COBRA CAN SLITHER THRU ANYTHING --WATCH!
HE'S CRAWLING INTO THE PIPE WITHOUT ANY EFFORT--
LIKE HE HASN'T A BONE IN HIS BODY!
HOW SIMPLE THIS SORT OF THING CAN BE--FOR THE COBRA!
EVEN HYDE, WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH, CAN'T MATCH MY OWN SERPENTINE STEALTH!
EXACTLY SEVEN SECONDS LATER--
ARE YOU THERE, HYDE?
NOW, WITHOUT ANY STRAIN--WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE--YOU MAY ENTER IF YOU WISH!
--WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF--THE UNBEATABLE COBRA!
BAH! YOU AND YOUR STUPID SPEECHES!!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHICH OF US IT WAS THAT DEFEATED DAREDEVIL??
YOU BRAINLESS BRAGGART!!
YOU COULD NEVER HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT MY HELP!
AND I STILL SAY YOU SHOULD HAVE FINISHED HIM OFF--INSTEAD OF LEAVING HIM THE WAY YOU DID!
WE LEFT HIM BLINDED, DIDN'T WE?
WHAT CAN WE EVER HAVE TO FEAR FROM A BLIND MAN?!!
NOW--FOLLOW ME!! THE SAFE IS JUST AHEAD!
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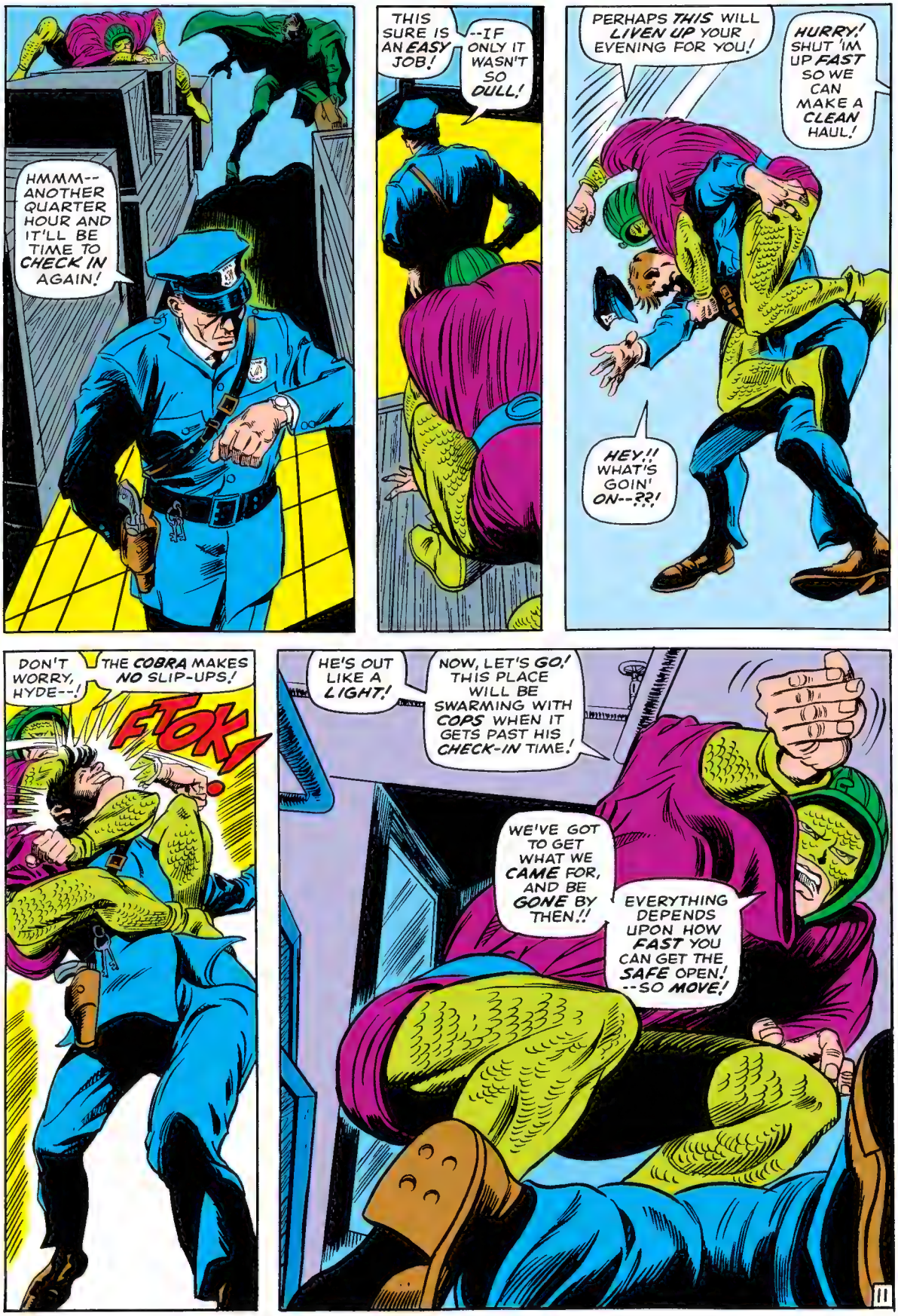
HMMM-- ANOTHER QUARTER HOUR AND IT'LL BE TIME TO CHECK IN AGAIN!
THIS SURE IS AN EASY JOB!
--IF ONLY IT WASN'T SO DULL!
PERHAPS THIS WILL LIVEN UP YOUR EVENING FOR YOU!
HURRY! SHUT 'IM UP FAST SO WE CAN MAKE A CLEAN HAUL!
HEY!! WHAT'S GOIN' ON--??!
DON'T WORRY, HYDE--! THE COBRA MAKES NO SLIP-UPS!
FTOK!
HE'S OUT LIKE A LIGHT!
NOW, LET'S GO! THIS PLACE WILL BE SWARMING WITH COPS WHEN IT GETS PAST HIS CHECK-IN TIME!
WE'VE GOT TO GET WHAT WE CAME FOR, AND BE GONE BY THEN!!
EVERYTHING DEPENDS UPON HOW FAST YOU CAN GET THE SAFE OPEN! --SO MOVE!
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IT'S A NEW TYPE!! I CAN'T FEEL THE TUMBLERS CLICK!
SO! AFTER ALL YOUR BIG TALK, YOU FAIL US WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN!
SAY THAT AGAIN, AND I'LL SHUT YOU UP FOR GOOD! HYDE NEVER FAILS!!
--NOT WHEN I'VE GOT MY OWN STRENGTH TO FALL BACK ON--!!
UNHHHH...!!
PTHYNOK!
I DID IT!!
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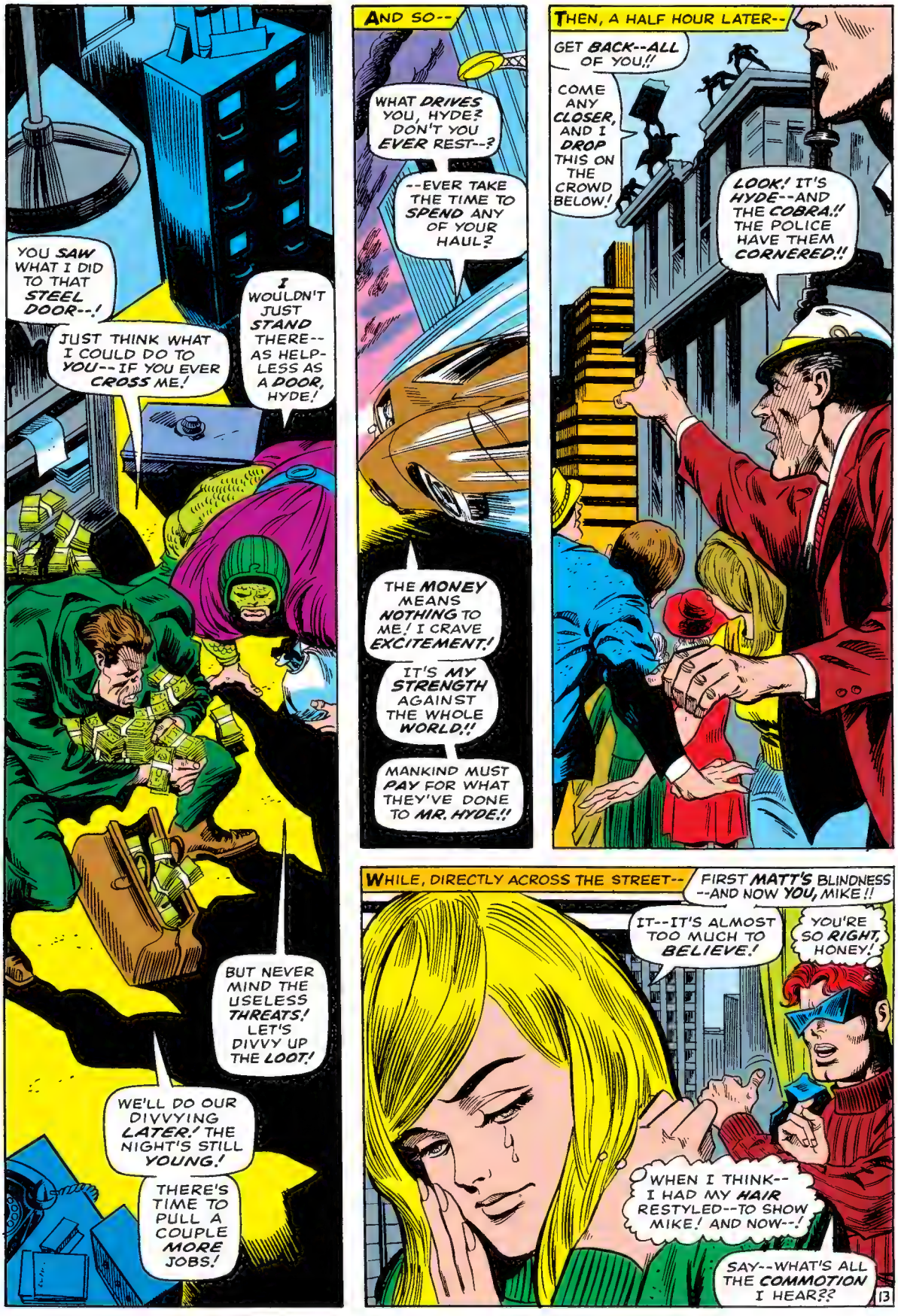
YOU SAW WHAT I DID TO THAT STEEL DOOR--!
JUST THINK WHAT I COULD DO TO YOU--IF YOU EVER CROSS ME!
I WOULDN'T JUST STAND THERE--AS HELPLESS AS A DOOR, HYDE!
BUT NEVER MIND THE USELESS THREATS! LET'S DIVVY UP THE LOOT!
WE'LL DO OUR DIVVYING LATER! THE NIGHT'S STILL YOUNG!
THERE'S TIME TO PULL A COUPLE MORE JOBS!
AND SO--
WHAT DRIVES YOU, HYDE? DON'T YOU EVER REST--?
--EVER TAKE THE TIME TO SPEND ANY OF YOUR HAUL?
THE MONEY MEANS NOTHING TO ME! I CRAVE EXCITEMENT!
IT'S MY STRENGTH AGAINST THE WHOLE WORLD!!
MANKIND MUST PAY FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO MR. HYDE!!
THEN, A HALF HOUR LATER--
GET BACK--ALL OF YOU!!
COME ANY CLOSER, AND I DROP THIS ON THE CROWD BELOW!
LOOK! IT'S HYDE--AND THE COBRA!! THE POLICE HAVE THEM CORNERED!!
WHILE, DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET--
FIRST MATT'S BLINDNESS --AND NOW YOU, MIKE!!
IT--IT'S ALMOST TOO MUCH TO BELIEVE!
YOU'RE SO RIGHT, HONEY!
WHEN I THINK--I HAD MY HAIR RESTYLED--TO SHOW MIKE! AND NOW--!
SAY--WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION I HEAR??
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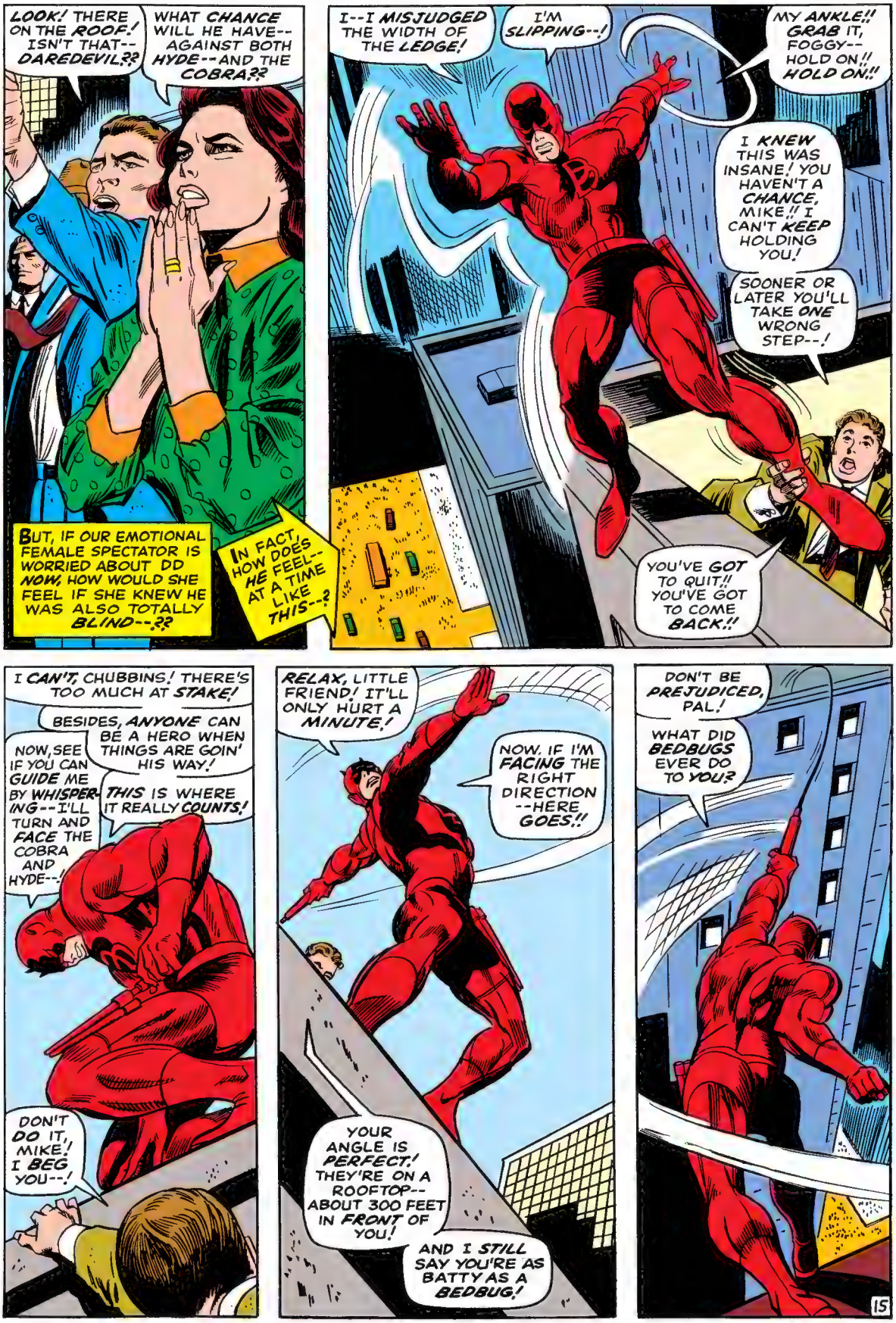
OH NO!! IT--IT'S MR. HYDE!!
HE'S HOLDING A HUGE CORNICE AT THE EDGE OF THE ROOF--
THREATENING TO HURL IT AT THE PEOPLE BELOW!
DROP YOUR GUNS AND GET OUT OF HERE--OR THIS STONE GOES FLYING!
IT'S UP TO YOU!!
DON'T DO IT, HYDE!!
HAH!! JUST TRY AND STOP ME!!
WE'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING--FAST!
EITHER THOSE COPS WILL BE INJURED--OR SOME INNOCENT BYSTANDERS WILL GET IT!
BUT, WHAT CAN WE DO??
REMEMBER--YOU CAN'T SEE NOW!
LISTEN! I'LL TELL YOU--!
LUCKILY, I KEPT MY EXTRA SET OF RED ROMPERS UNDER MY SUIT!
MIKE! ARE YOU MAD?
YOU CAN'T GO OUT THERE!
ONLY A MADMAN WOULD BE A COSTUMED CLOWN IN THE FIRST PLACE!
WISH ME LUCK, PRETTY GIRL! UNCLE MIKE IS SURE GONNA NEED IT!
ONLY A DIVERSION WILL PREVENT A TRAGEDY OUT THERE!
BUT--HOW--???
AND MERRY MICHAEL IS GONNA PROVIDE THAT DIVERSION!
THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, FOGGY!
THE COBRA AND HYDE HAVE TO SEE ME--HAVE TO BELIEVE I'M NOT BLIND ANY MORE!
I'LL TRY TO BLUFF IT THRU--IF YOU GUIDE ME!
GRAB MY ARM--JUST GET ME TO THE ROOF, AND I'LL TAKE IT FROM THERE!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE OUT OF YOUR TREE!
NOW I'M SURE OF IT!
BUT, IF SOMEONE HAS TO LEND YOU A HAND--IT MIGHT AS WELL BE ME!
CROUCH DOWN--BEHIND THE LEDGE, FOGGY! NO ONE MUST SEE YOU!
HYDE!! LOOK--UP THERE! IT'S DAREDEVIL!
HE'S REGAINED HIS SIGHT AGAIN! HE'S COMING AFTER US!


LOOK! THERE ON THE ROOF! ISN'T THAT-- DAREDEVIL??
WHAT CHANCE WILL HE HAVE-- AGAINST BOTH HYDE--AND THE COBRA??
BUT, IF OUR EMOTIONAL FEMALE SPECTATOR IS WORRIED ABOUT DD NOW, HOW WOULD SHE FEEL IF SHE KNEW HE WAS ALSO TOTALLY BLIND--??
IN FACT, HOW DOES HE FEEL-- AT A TIME LIKE THIS--?
I--I MISJUDGED THE WIDTH OF THE LEDGE!
I'M SLIPPING--!
MY ANKLE!! GRAB IT, FOGGY-- HOLD ON!! HOLD ON!!
I KNEW THIS WAS INSANE! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE, MIKE!! I CAN'T KEEP HOLDING YOU!
SOONER OR LATER YOU'LL TAKE ONE WRONG STEP--!
YOU'VE GOT TO QUIT!! YOU'VE GOT TO COME BACK!!
I CAN'T, CHUBBINS! THERE'S TOO MUCH AT STAKE!
BESIDES, ANYONE CAN BE A HERO WHEN THINGS ARE GOIN' HIS WAY!
NOW, SEE IF YOU CAN GUIDE ME BY WHISPERING--I'LL TURN AND FACE THE COBRA AND HYDE--!
THIS IS WHERE IT REALLY COUNTS!
DON'T DO IT, MIKE! I BEG YOU--!
RELAX, LITTLE FRIEND! IT'LL ONLY HURT A MINUTE!
NOW, IF I'M FACING THE RIGHT DIRECTION --HERE GOES!!
YOUR ANGLE IS PERFECT! THEY'RE ON A ROOFTOP-- ABOUT 300 FEET IN FRONT OF YOU!
AND I STILL SAY YOU'RE AS BATTY AS A BEDBUG!
DON'T BE PREJUDICED, PAL!
WHAT DID BEDBUGS EVER DO TO YOU?
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THIKK!
I DID IT!
IT ISN'T POSSIBLE!! MY FORMULA WAS FOOLPROOF!
IT DID MAKE HIM BLIND!! I SAW IT-- I KNOW IT!!
YOU'RE AN IDIOT, HYDE! THERE HE IS! DO YOU DOUBT YOUR EYES??
THEN WHAT-- DO WE DO-- NOW?
I DON'T KNOW! WE'VE GOT TO WAIT! LET HIM MAKE THE NEXT MOVE!
EVEN WITHOUT MY SUPER SENSES, I'VE TRAINED MYSELF IN ACROBATICS FOR YEARS!
IF I WAS ABLE TO DO THIS BEFORE-- WHY SHOULDN'T I BE ABLE TO DO IT NOW?!!
I'VE GOT TO MAKE THE COBRA AND HYDE ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT I'M THE SAME OLD DAREDEVIL!
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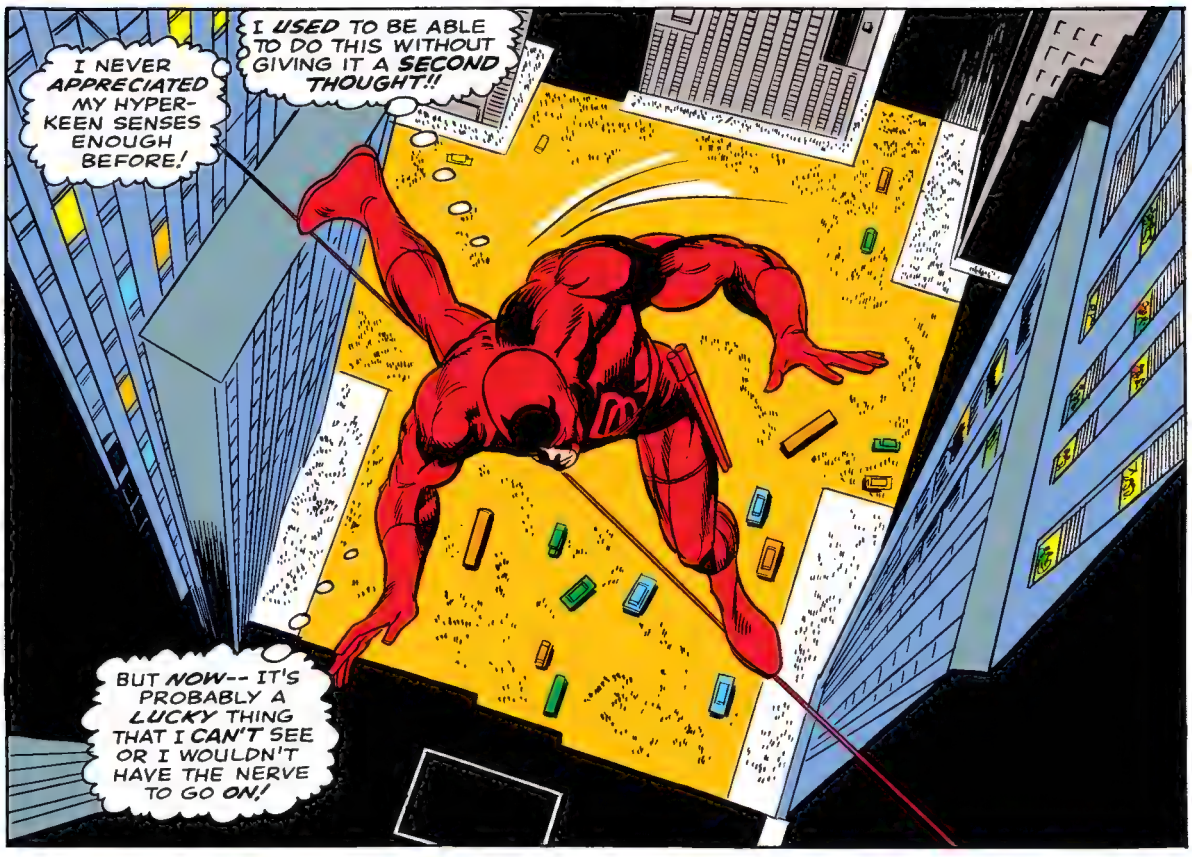
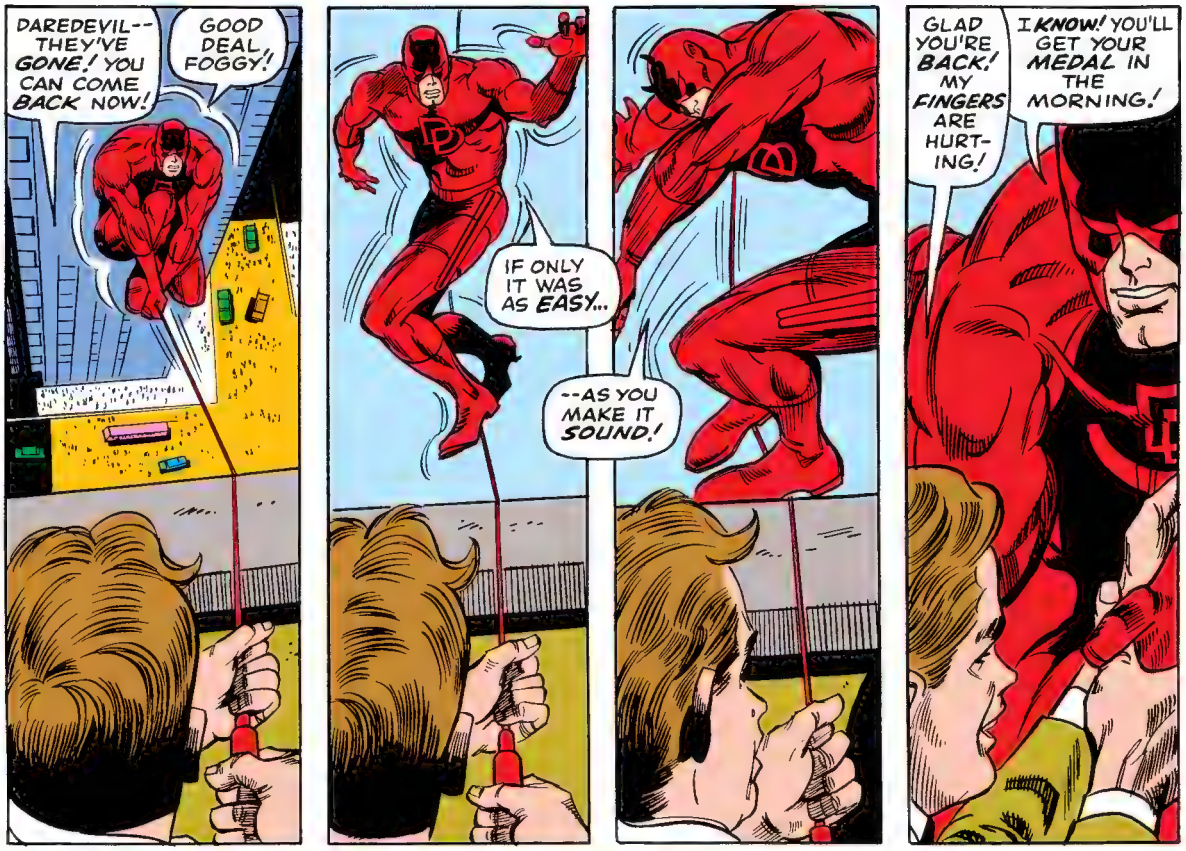
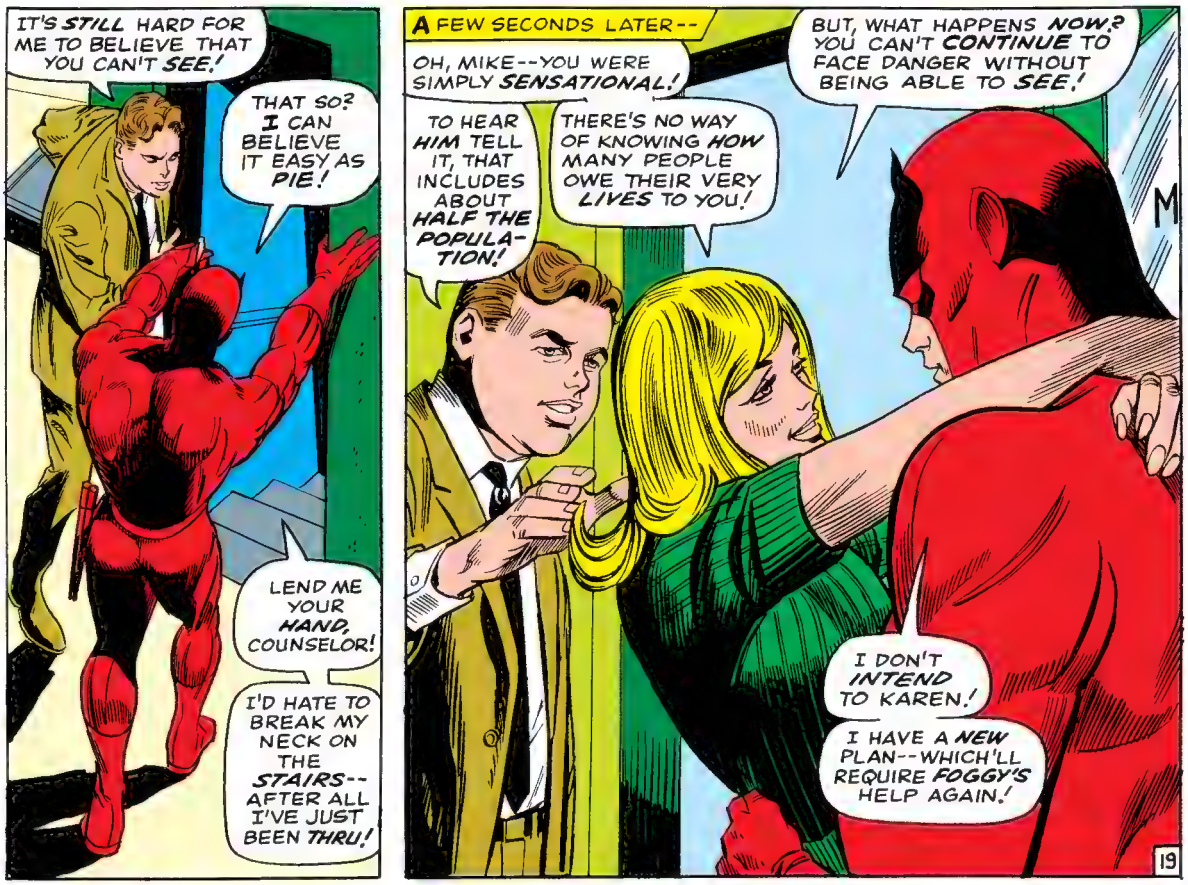

I NEVER APPRECIATED MY HYPER-KEEN SENSES ENOUGH BEFORE!
I USED TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS WITHOUT GIVING IT A SECOND THOUGHT!!
BUT NOW-- IT'S PROBABLY A LUCKY THING THAT I CAN'T SEE OR I WOULDN'T HAVE THE NERVE TO GO ON!

THE WIND MUST HAVE SHAKEN THE CABLE!! IT--IT MOVED--!
AND, SINCE I CAN'T SEE--
I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO PLACE MY FOOT!!

IF I MISCALCULATE-- IF I STEP DOWN AT THE WRONG PLACE-- I'LL--
THERE IT IS!! BUT--I'M A FRACTION OFF!! MY TOE--IS SLIPPING--!!

CAN'T HOLD ON--! I'M FALLING!!
BUT, IF I CAN REACH OUT--FAR ENOUGH--!
HOOO BOY!!
THIS IS ONE PERFORM-ANCE I WOULDN'T WANNA REPEAT!
HYDE--AND THE COBRA MUST HAVE BEEN WATCH-ING--!
I'VE GOT TO ACT NONCHALANT --AS THOUGH I DID IT FOR KICKS!
YOU WERE RIGHT, COBRA!! HE CAN SEE!
NO ONE BUT DAREDEVIL WOULD HAVE THE NERVE TO CLOWN AROUND THAT WAY TWENTY STORIES ABOVE THE GROUND!!
WE CAN'T FIGHT HIM AND THE POLICE--!
SO LET'S TAKE OFF--WHILE THEY'RE ALL WATCH-ING HIS ACT!!
SAY, LEN--DO YOU THINK DAREDEVIL IS--HEY!!
WHAT'S WITH HYDE--AND THE COBRA?
THEY'RE TRYIN' TO GET AWAY!
NOW! LET'S MOVE--!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
MY SPEED IS TWICE AS FAST AS YOURS!
HOLD IT, YOU TWO!
STOP--OR I'LL SHOOT!
KRAK!
I SAID STOP!!
MADE IT!
WE'LL FIND TIME FOR DAREDEVIL --LATER!
ZIS!
ZAK!

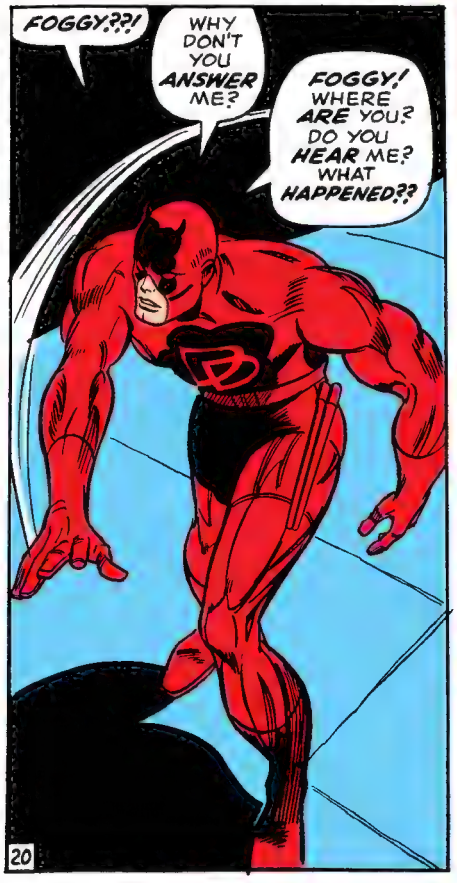

DAREDEVIL--THEY'VE GONE! YOU CAN COME BACK NOW!
GOOD DEAL, FOGGY!
IF ONLY IT WAS AS EASY...
--AS YOU MAKE IT SOUND!
GLAD YOU'RE BACK! MY FINGERS ARE HURTING!
I KNOW! YOU'LL GET YOUR MEDAL IN THE MORNING!


IT'S STILL HARD FOR ME TO BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN'T SEE!
THAT SO? I CAN BELIEVE IT EASY AS PIE!
LEND ME YOUR HAND, COUNSELOR!
I'D HATE TO BREAK MY NECK ON THE STAIRS--AFTER ALL I'VE JUST BEEN THRU!
A FEW SECONDS LATER--
OH, MIKE--YOU WERE SIMPLY SENSATIONAL!
TO HEAR HIM TELL IT, THAT INCLUDES ABOUT HALF THE POPULATION!
THERE'S NO WAY OF KNOWING HOW MANY PEOPLE OWE THEIR VERY LIVES TO YOU!
BUT, WHAT HAPPENS NOW? YOU CAN'T CONTINUE TO FACE DANGER WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO SEE!
I DON'T INTEND TO KAREN!
I HAVE A NEW PLAN--WHICH'LL REQUIRE FOGGY'S HELP AGAIN!

THUS, WHEN DARKNESS HAS FALLEN--AND THE CROWDS HAVE ALL DISPERSED--
JUST LEAD ME TO MATT'S HOUSE WHILE I TELL YOU WHAT I'VE THOUGHT OF--!
YEAH-- SURE!
I'M NOT EXACTLY ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE PEOPLE, AM I FOGGY?
AND I THINK I KNOW WHY!

IT'S BECAUSE OF KAREN! YOU THINK SHE'S SWEET ON ME, DON'T YOU?
IT USED TO BE YOUR BROTHER MATT-- BUT NOW, YOU'VE EVEN PUSHED HIM OUT OF THE RUNNING!
ANYWAY, WHO CAN COMPETE WITH A SWASH-BUCKLING COSTUMED DO-GOODER?
YOU MADE YOUR POINT, MAN!

BUT THINGS MAY NOT BE AS BAD AS YOU THINK--!
MAYBE KAREN HAS A SISTER!
-MPFFF!-
DON'T MUMBLE, SON!
IF YOU'VE SOMETHING TO SAY, JUST SPEAK RIGHT UP!


FOGGY???
WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER ME?
FOGGY! WHERE ARE YOU? DO YOU HEAR ME? WHAT HAPPENED??

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT... I'M OKAY!
I JUST FORGOT FOR A SECOND--THAT YOU STILL ARE REALLY BLIND!
NEXT
THE REAL DAREDEVIL!

HERE COMES...
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DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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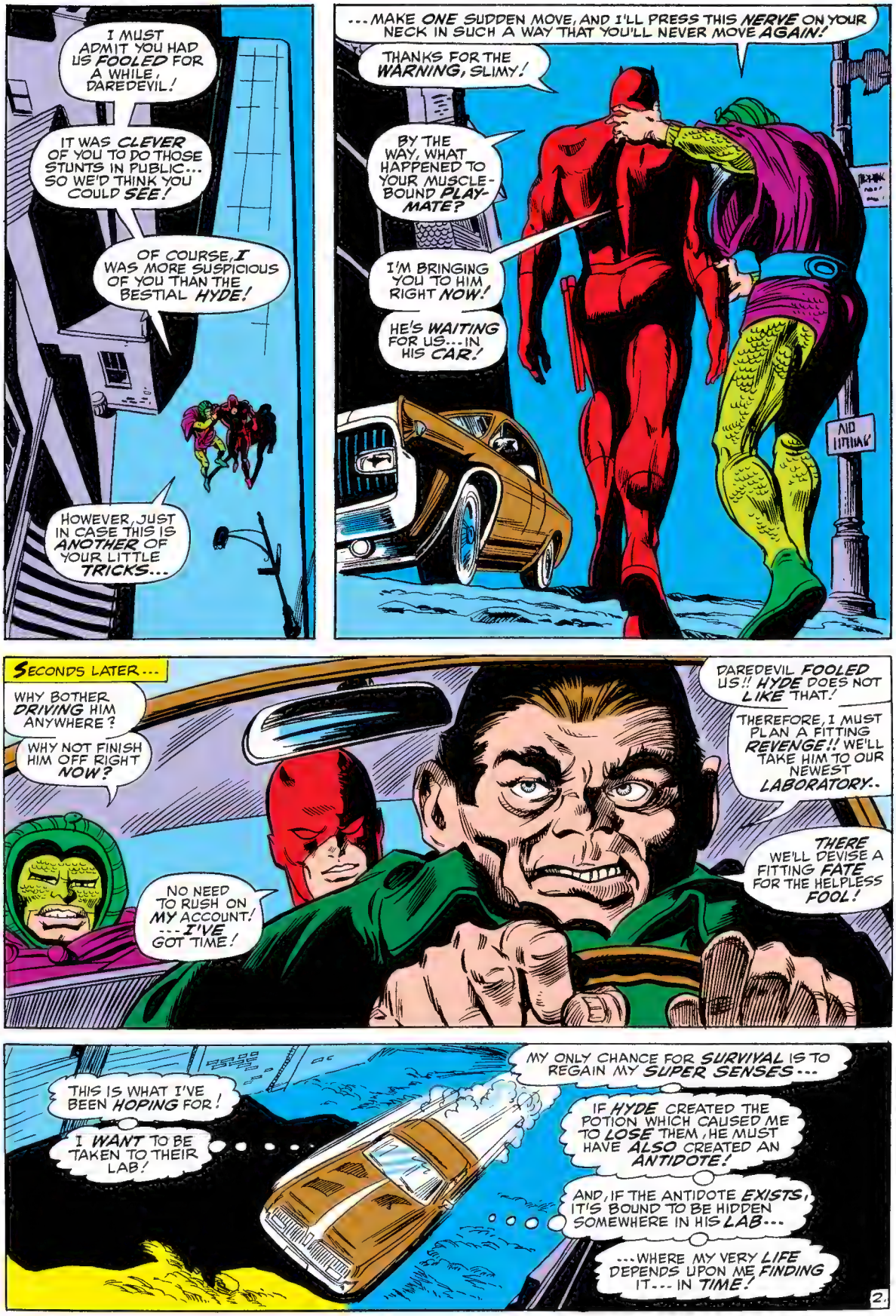
CAN ANY MAN--- EVEN DAREDEVIL --- SUCCESSFULLY BATTLE TWO DEADLY, SUPER-POWERED FOES WHEN HE HIMSELF IS TOTALLY BLIND...AND HIS OWN SUPER SENSES ARE LOST TO HIM?
THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION BETTER BE "YES"...OR THIS MAY BE THE LAST WE'LL SEE OF OUR FEARLESS FRIEND--- LIKE FOREVER!
DD
HOW FORTUNATE THAT I WAS PASSING BY... IN TIME TO SEE YOU BEING LED THROUGH THE STREET--LIKE THE SIGHTLESS FRAUD THAT YOU ARE!
THE VOICE OF--THE COBRA!
I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE ATTACK POOR FOGGY!
OKAY, BRIGHT BOY--NOW YOU KNOW I'M REALLY BLIND! SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
HOW DO THEY DO IT, MONTH AFTER MONTH? SMILIN' GENIAL STAN LEE and GENE COLAN HAVE ANOTHER WINNER ON THEIR HANDS!!
INKED BY: JOHN TARTAGLIONE || LETTERED BY: SAM ROSEN
INSTANT UPDATE DEPARTMENT!
• THE EVIL MR. HYDE TOSSED A POTENT CHEMICAL AT DD, IN ORDER TO BLIND HIM!
• BUT, SINCE OUR HERO IS ALREADY BLIND, THE CHEMICAL DEADENED HIS SUPER SENSES INSTEAD!
• NOW, MORE HELPLESS THAN EVER BEFORE, DD IS CAPTURED BY HYDE'S POWER-MAD PARTNER, THE COBRA!
AND THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING...!!


I MUST ADMIT YOU HAD US FOOLED FOR A WHILE, DAREDEVIL!
IT WAS CLEVER OF YOU TO DO THOSE STUNTS IN PUBLIC... SO WE'D THINK YOU COULD SEE!
OF COURSE, I WAS MORE SUSPICIOUS OF YOU THAN THE BESTIAL HYDE!
HOWEVER, JUST IN CASE THIS IS ANOTHER OF YOUR LITTLE TRICKS...
...MAKE ONE SUDDEN MOVE, AND I'LL PRESS THIS NERVE ON YOUR NECK IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU'LL NEVER MOVE AGAIN!
THANKS FOR THE WARNING, SLIMY!
BY THE WAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR MUSCLE-BOUND PLAY-MATE?
I'M BRINGING YOU TO HIM RIGHT NOW!
HE'S WAITING FOR US... IN HIS CAR!
AID LIFTING
SECONDS LATER...
WHY BOTHER DRIVING HIM ANYWHERE?
WHY NOT FINISH HIM OFF RIGHT NOW?
NO NEED TO RUSH ON MY ACCOUNT! ...I'VE GOT TIME!
DAREDEVIL FOOLED US!! HYDE DOES NOT LIKE THAT!
THEREFORE, I MUST PLAN A FITTING REVENGE!! WE'LL TAKE HIM TO OUR NEWEST LABORATORY..
THERE WE'LL DEVISE A FITTING FATE FOR THE HELPLESS FOOL!
THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN HOPING FOR!
I WANT TO BE TAKEN TO THEIR LAB!
MY ONLY CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL IS TO REGAIN MY SUPER SENSES...
IF HYDE CREATED THE POTION WHICH CAUSED ME TO LOSE THEM, HE MUST HAVE ALSO CREATED AN ANTIDOTE!
AND, IF THE ANTIDOTE EXISTS, IT'S BOUND TO BE HIDDEN SOMEWHERE IN HIS LAB...
...WHERE MY VERY LIFE DEPENDS UPON ME FINDING IT... IN TIME!
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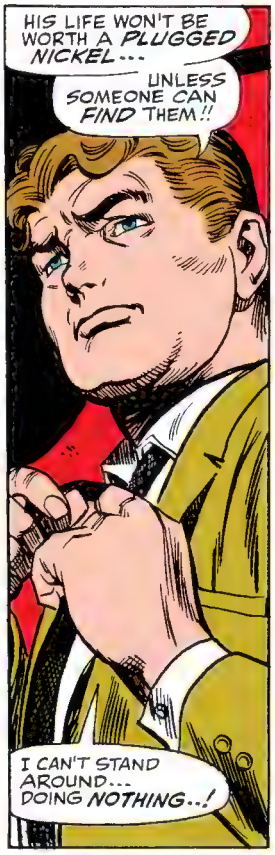
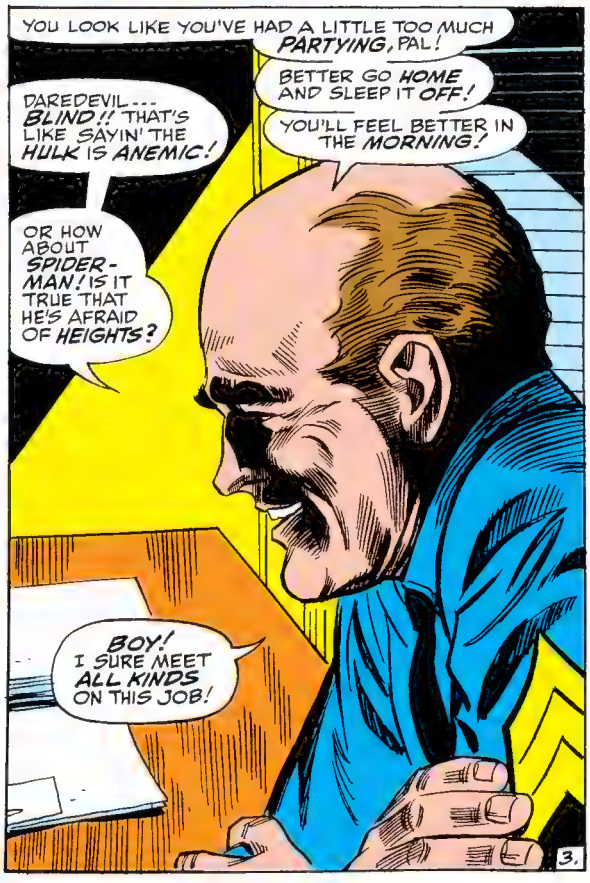
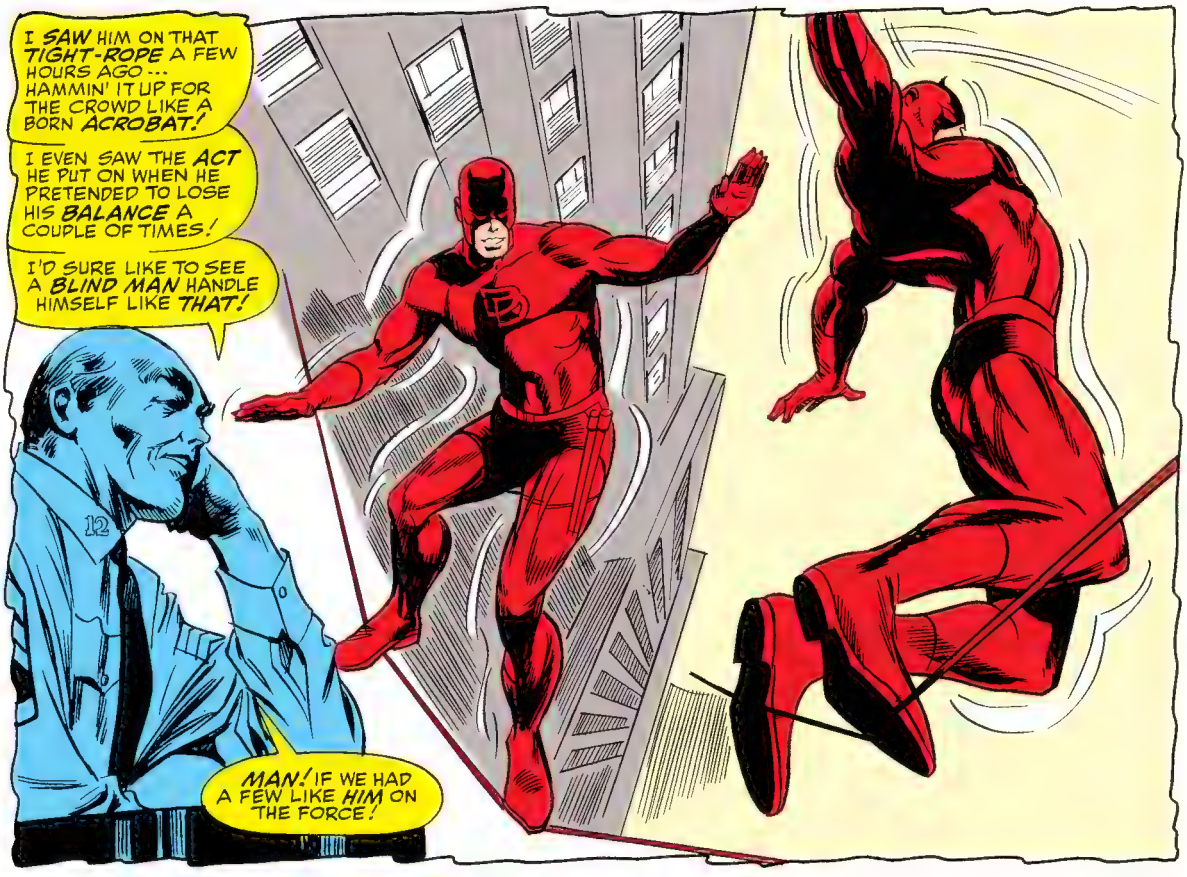
MEANWHILE, A DAZED FOGGY NELSON SLOWLY COMES TO HIS SENSES AFTER HAVING BEEN ATTACKED BY THE SLITHERING COBRA ...
IT WAS HYDE'S SNAKE-LIKE PARTNER... I'D RECOGNIZE HIM ANYWHERE!
THE LAST I REMEMBER.. HE GRABBED DAREDEVIL AND HEADED DOWN THE STREET WITH HIM!
BUT, DD IS BLIND NOW.. UNABLE TO DEFEND HIMSELF..!

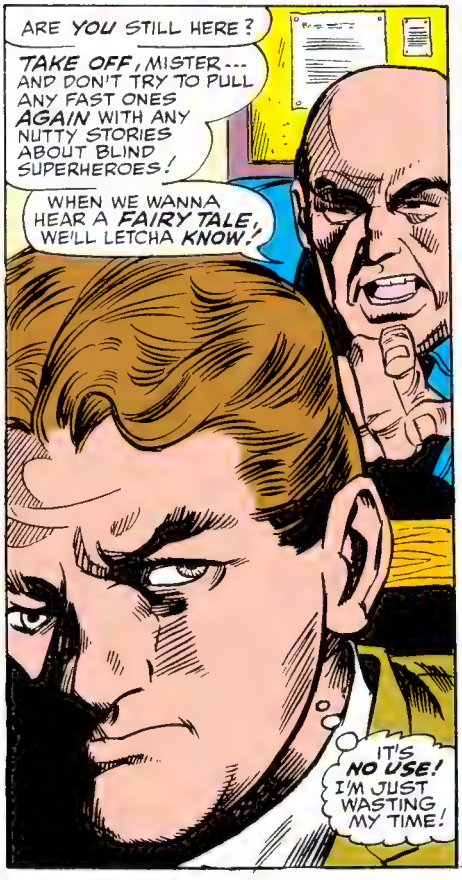

HIS LIFE WON'T BE WORTH A PLUGGED NICKEL...
UNLESS SOMEONE CAN FIND THEM!!
I CAN'T STAND AROUND... DOING NOTHING..!

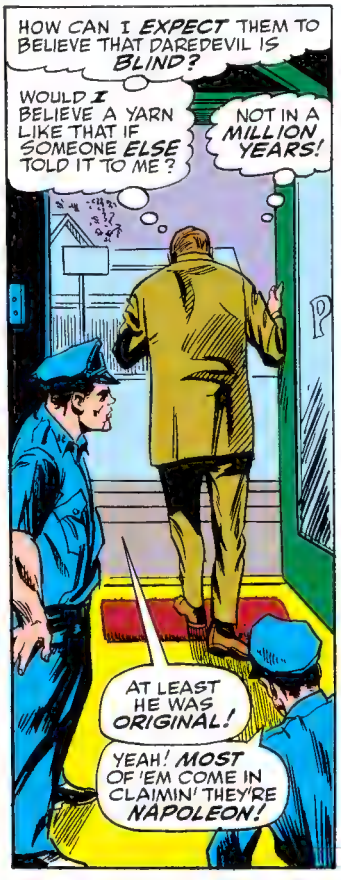
I'LL ALERT THE POLICE!
AN ALL-POINTS ALARM MAY DO THE TRICK!
IF ONLY I'M NOT.. TOO LATE!

SERGEANT...YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
THE COBRA'S CAPTURED DAREDEVIL! I SAW HIM--!
GIVE ME THE DETAILS! WE'LL SLAP A CORDON OVER THE WHOLE CITY!
EVERY SECOND COUNTS! DAREDEVIL IS HELPLESS! HE'S BEEN BLIND..FOR DAYS..!
DAREDEVIL.. BLIND?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYIN' TO PULL, MISTER?


YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE HAD A LITTLE TOO MUCH PARTYING, PAL!
BETTER GO HOME AND SLEEP IT OFF!
YOU'LL FEEL BETTER IN THE MORNING!
DAREDEVIL... BLIND!! THAT'S LIKE SAYIN' THE HULK IS ANEMIC!
OR HOW ABOUT SPIDER-MAN! IS IT TRUE THAT HE'S AFRAID OF HEIGHTS?
BOY! I SURE MEET ALL KINDS ON THIS JOB!


I SAW HIM ON THAT TIGHT-ROPE A FEW HOURS AGO --- HAMMIN' IT UP FOR THE CROWD LIKE A BORN ACROBAT!
I EVEN SAW THE ACT HE PUT ON WHEN HE PRETENDED TO LOSE HIS BALANCE A COUPLE OF TIMES!
I'D SURE LIKE TO SEE A BLIND MAN HANDLE HIMSELF LIKE THAT!
MAN! IF WE HAD A FEW LIKE HIM ON THE FORCE!


ARE YOU STILL HERE?
TAKE OFF, MISTER--- AND DON'T TRY TO PULL ANY FAST ONES AGAIN WITH ANY NUTTY STORIES ABOUT BLIND SUPERHEROES!
WHEN WE WANNA HEAR A FAIRY TALE, WE'LL LETCHA KNOW!
IT'S NO USE! I'M JUST WASTING MY TIME!


HOW CAN I EXPECT THEM TO BELIEVE THAT DAREDEVIL IS BLIND?
WOULD I BELIEVE A YARN LIKE THAT IF SOMEONE ELSE TOLD IT TO ME?
NOT IN A MILLION YEARS!
AT LEAST HE WAS ORIGINAL!
YEAH! MOST OF 'EM COME IN CLAIMIN' THEY'RE NAPOLEON!

WHAT DO I DO NOW?
MAYBE I SHOULD TRY TO FIND MATT--- AND LET HIM KNOW..!
BUT, WHAT'S THE POINT? WHAT COULD HE DO ABOUT IT?
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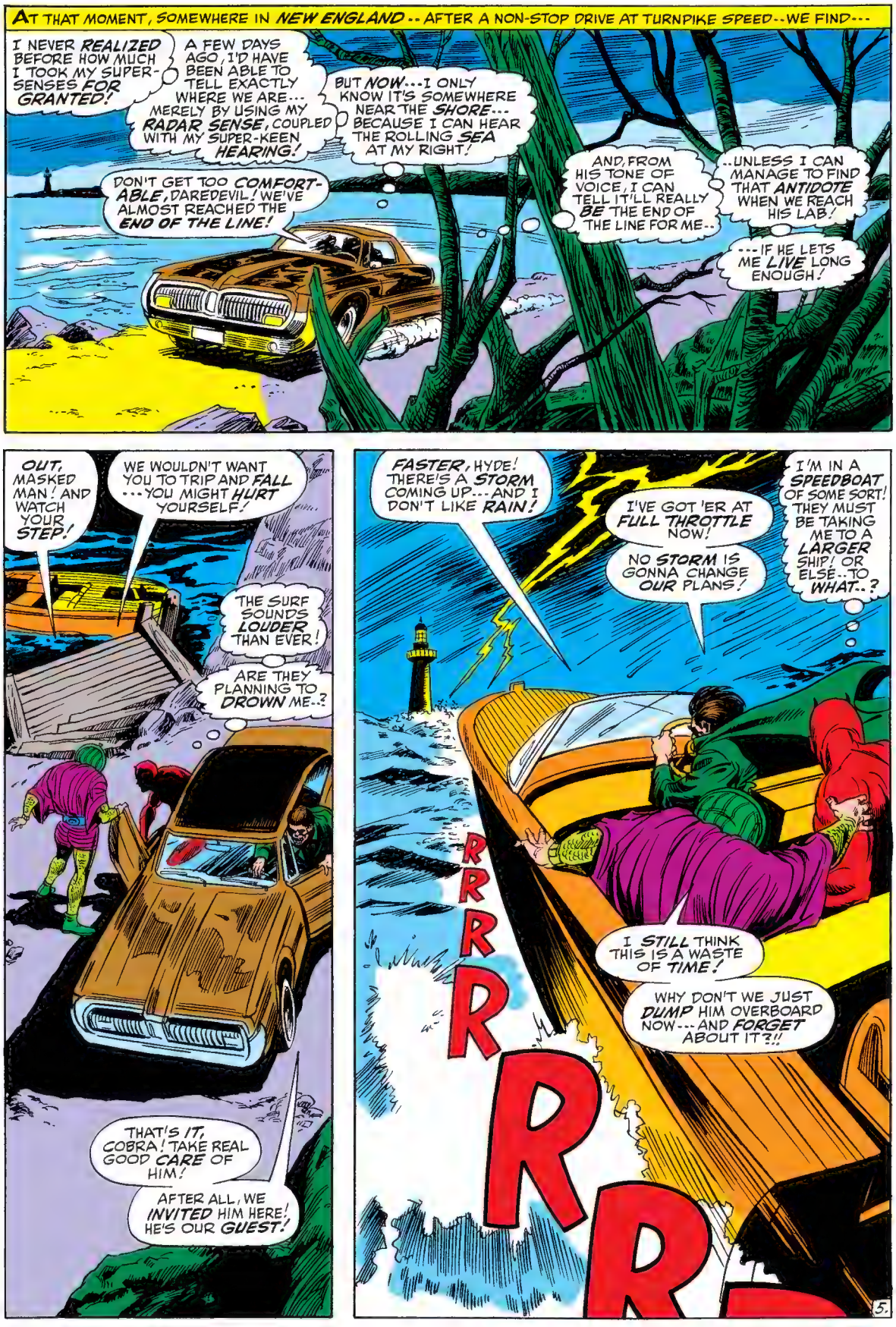
UH-OH! IT'S STARTING TO RAIN!
AND FROM THE LOOKS OF THAT SKY, IT'S GONNA BE A BEAUT!
WELL, THIS IS A PERFECT DAY FOR IT!


AT THAT MOMENT, SOMEWHERE IN NEW ENGLAND -- AFTER A NON-STOP DRIVE AT TURNPIKE SPEED--WE FIND---
I NEVER REALIZED BEFORE HOW MUCH I TOOK MY SUPER-SENSES FOR GRANTED!
A FEW DAYS AGO, I'D HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TELL EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE--- MERELY BY USING MY RADAR SENSE, COUPLED WITH MY SUPER-KEEN HEARING!
BUT NOW---I ONLY KNOW IT'S SOMEWHERE NEAR THE SHORE--- BECAUSE I CAN HEAR THE ROLLING SEA AT MY RIGHT!
DON'T GET TOO COMFORT-ABLE, DAREDEVIL! WE'VE ALMOST REACHED THE END OF THE LINE!
AND, FROM HIS TONE OF VOICE, I CAN TELL IT'LL REALLY BE THE END OF THE LINE FOR ME..
..UNLESS I CAN MANAGE TO FIND THAT ANTIDOTE WHEN WE REACH HIS LAB!
---IF HE LETS ME LIVE LONG ENOUGH!
OUT, MASKED MAN! AND WATCH YOUR STEP!
WE WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO TRIP AND FALL ---YOU MIGHT HURT YOURSELF!
THE SURF SOUNDS LOUDER THAN EVER!
ARE THEY PLANNING TO DROWN ME..?
THAT'S IT, COBRA! TAKE REAL GOOD CARE OF HIM!
AFTER ALL, WE INVITED HIM HERE! HE'S OUR GUEST!
FASTER, HYDE! THERE'S A STORM COMING UP--- AND I DON'T LIKE RAIN!
I'VE GOT 'ER AT FULL THROTTLE NOW!
NO STORM IS GONNA CHANGE OUR PLANS!
I'M IN A SPEEDBOAT OF SOME SORT! THEY MUST BE TAKING ME TO A LARGER SHIP! OR ELSE..TO WHAT..?
RRRRRRR
I STILL THINK THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME!
WHY DON'T WE JUST DUMP HIM OVERBOARD NOW--- AND FORGET ABOUT IT?!!
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YOU ALWAYS WERE TOO IMPETUOUS, COBRA!
I TOLD YOU---I WANT TO SAVOR MY TRIUMPH A WHILE LONGER!
THERE'S NO REASON FOR HASTE--A BLIND MAN CAN'T ESCAPE FROM US!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, HYDE!
FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN SO FAR--- HE'S TOO TRICKY TO SUIT ME!
TRICKY? HAH! A LOT OF GOOD THAT'LL DO HIM ONCE HE'S LOCKED IN THE LIGHTHOUSE!
LIGHTHOUSE! SO THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE TAKING ME!
NO WONDER THEIR HIDEOUT HAS BEEN SO HARD TO FIND!
WHO'D THINK TO CHECK ON A LONELY LIGHT-HOUSE--SOME-WHERE OFF A CRAGGY COAST?!!
NOW, IT'S REALLY UP TO ME... ALONE!
THERE'S NO CHANCE OF ANYONE FINDING US---IN TIME TO SAVE ME!
SO, IF I DON'T WANNA LEAVE THE WORLD DAREDEVIL-LESS, I'VE GOT TO GET THAT ANTIDOTE---IF THERE IS ONE!
CAREFUL, HYDE!! WATCH OUT FOR THOSE ROCKS AHEAD!
SHUT UP, COBRA! I CAN DO THIS WITH ONE HAND BEHIND ME!
IT'S DAREDEVIL WHO SHOULD BE WORRY-ING--NOT US!
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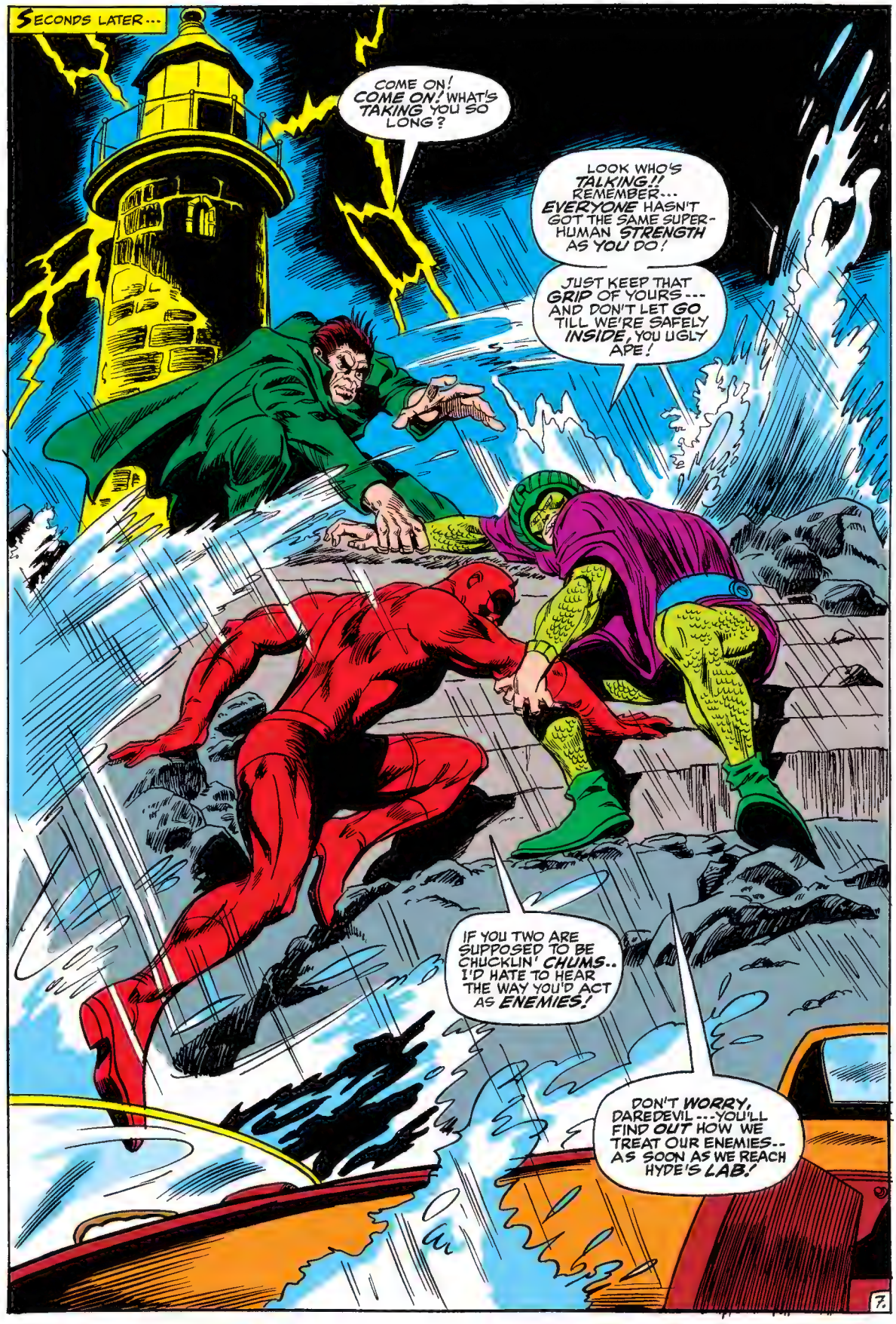
SECONDS LATER...
COME ON! COME ON! WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG?
LOOK WHO'S TALKING!! REMEMBER... EVERYONE HASN'T GOT THE SAME SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH AS YOU DO!
JUST KEEP THAT GRIP OF YOURS --- AND DON'T LET GO TILL WE'RE SAFELY INSIDE, YOU UGLY APE!
IF YOU TWO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE CHUCKLIN' CHUMS.. I'D HATE TO HEAR THE WAY YOU'D ACT AS ENEMIES!
DON'T WORRY, DAREDEVIL --- YOU'LL FIND OUT HOW WE TREAT OUR ENEMIES-- AS SOON AS WE REACH HYDE'S LAB!

FELLAS, IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK YOU DIDN'T LIKE ME!
STILL A WISE-GUY, HUH?
OKAY, HAVE YOUR FUN NOW.. YOU'LL SING A DIFFERENT TUNE IN A FEW MINUTES!
I'M NOT MUCH OF A SINGER.. BUT PERHAPS I COULD HUM A FEW BARS FOR YOU!
DON'T TRY MATCHING WITS WITH HIM, COBRA!
YOU'RE ONLY HALF-EQUIPPED FOR THAT!
THEY'RE FORCING ME UP STEEP, WINDING STAIRS..!
HYDE'S LAB MUST BE AT THE VERY TOP OF THE LIGHTHOUSE!
AN INTERESTING BIT OF INFORMATION WHICH DOES ME ABSOLUTELY NO GOOD!
GETTING NERVOUS, DAREDEVIL? BEGINNING TO FEEL FRIGHTENED??
YOU SHOULD BE.. BECAUSE YOU CAN COUNT THE REMAINING MINUTES OF YOUR LIFE ON THE FINGERS OF ONE HAND!
MOVE, COBRA! I'M BEGINNING TO GET IMPATIENT NOW! INTO THE LAB WITH HIM!
WHATEVER I ATTEMPT IN THERE -- I'VE GOT TO DO IT FAST!
YOU MUST BE REAL PROUD OF YOURSELVES, GENTS...
WITH A LITTLE LUCK, YOU MAY ACTUALLY DEFEAT A BLIND MAN... IF YOU WORK, TOGETHER!
TALKING CAN'T HELP YOU NOW, SMART GUY! IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT!
NOTHING THAT LIVES CAN ESCAPE FROM HYDE AND ME ONCE WE ENTER THIS ROOM..!
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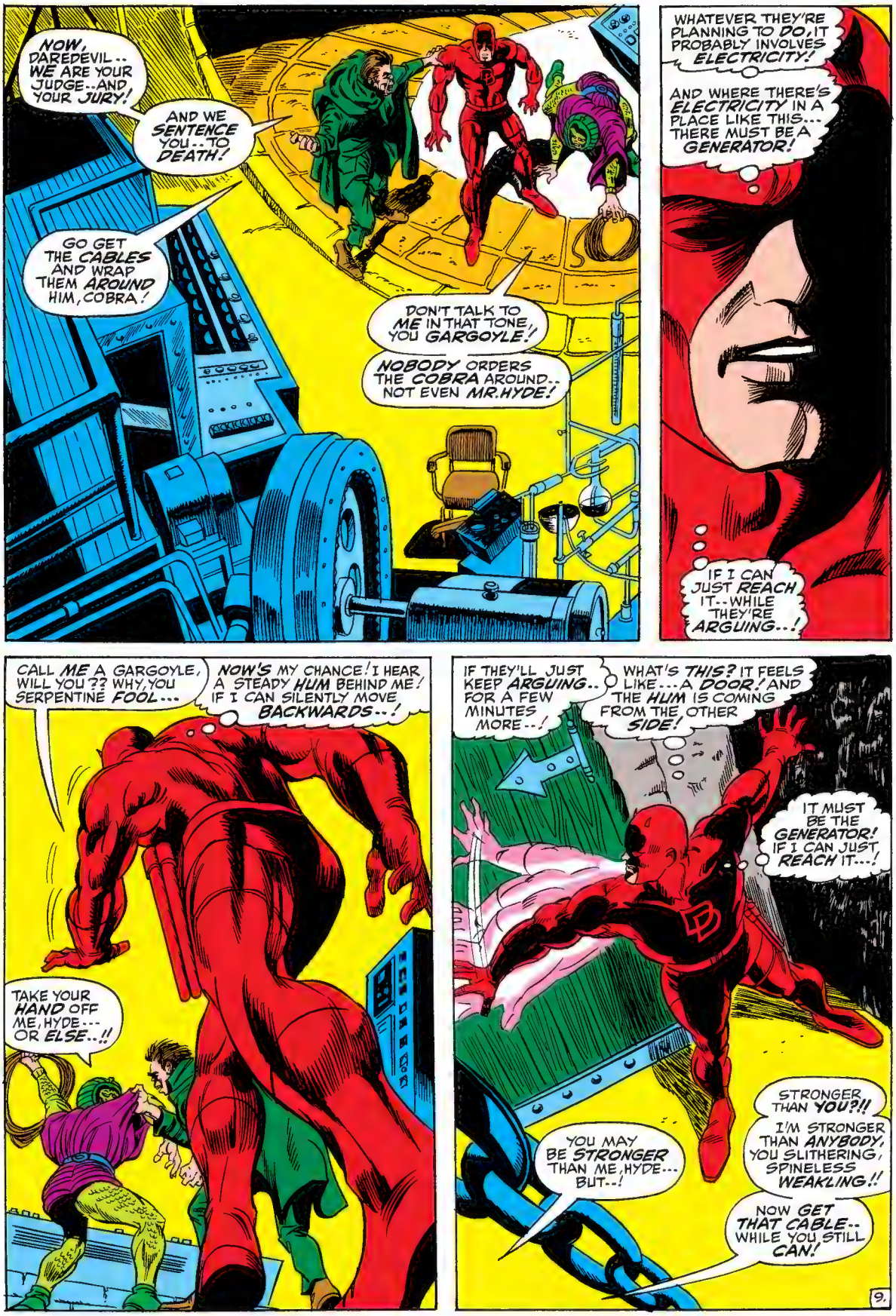
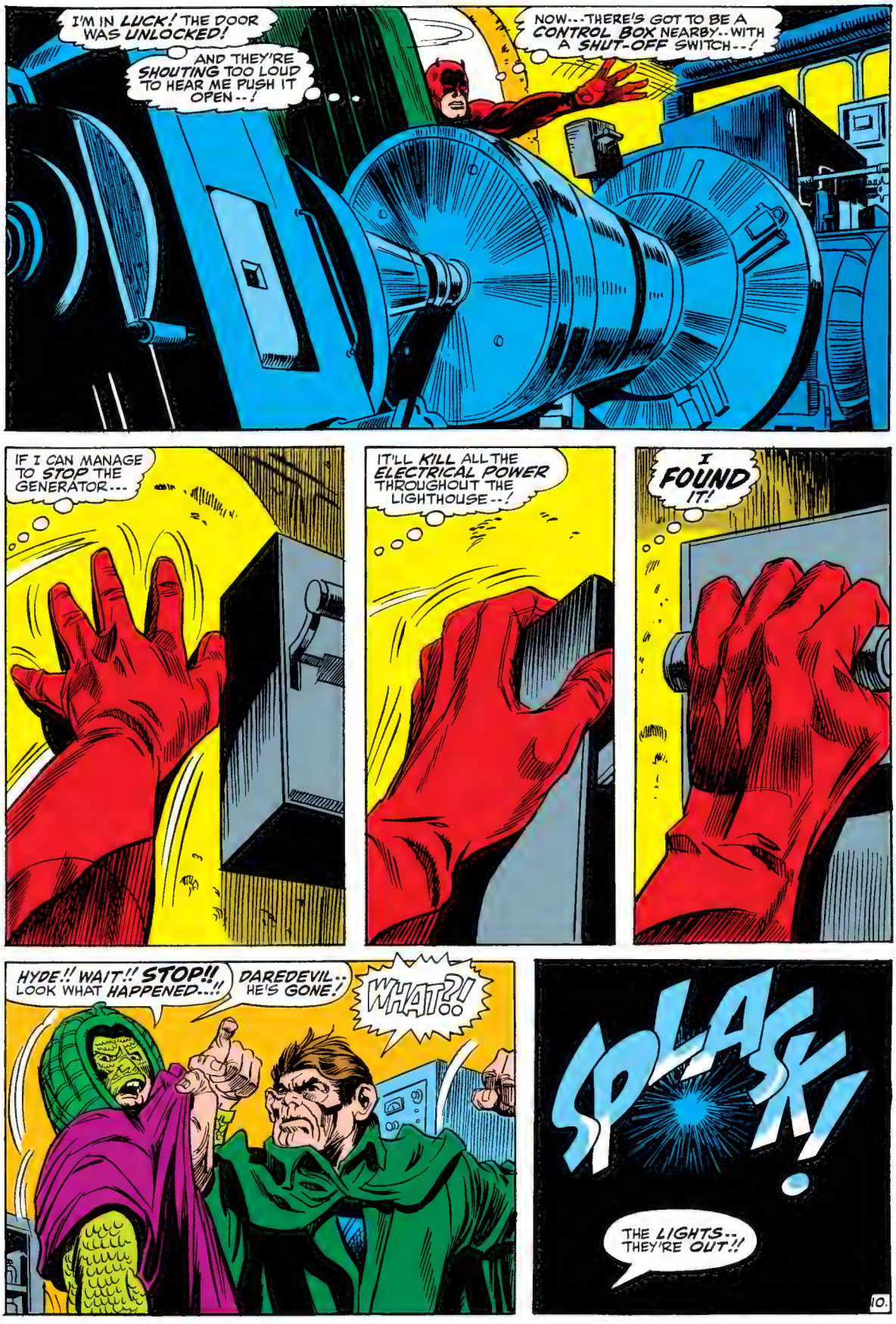

NOW, DAREDEVIL -- WE ARE YOUR JUDGE--AND YOUR JURY!
AND WE SENTENCE YOU -- TO DEATH!
GO GET THE CABLES AND WRAP THEM AROUND HIM, COBRA!
DON'T TALK TO ME IN THAT TONE, YOU GARGOYLE!
NOBODY ORDERS THE COBRA AROUND -- NOT EVEN MR. HYDE!
WHATEVER THEY'RE PLANNING TO DO, IT PROBABLY INVOLVES ELECTRICITY!
AND WHERE THERE'S ELECTRICITY IN A PLACE LIKE THIS... THERE MUST BE A GENERATOR!
IF I CAN JUST REACH IT--WHILE THEY'RE ARGUING--!
CALL ME A GARGOYLE, WILL YOU?? WHY, YOU SERPENTINE FOOL...
NOW'S MY CHANCE! I HEAR A STEADY HUM BEHIND ME! IF I CAN SILENTLY MOVE BACKWARDS--!
TAKE YOUR HAND OFF ME, HYDE--- OR ELSE--!!
IF THEY'LL JUST KEEP ARGUING.. FOR A FEW MINUTES MORE--!
WHAT'S THIS? IT FEELS LIKE---A DOOR! AND THE HUM IS COMING FROM THE OTHER SIDE!
IT MUST BE THE GENERATOR! IF I CAN JUST REACH IT---!
STRONGER THAN YOU?!!
I'M STRONGER THAN ANYBODY, YOU SLITHERING, SPINELESS WEAKLING!!
YOU MAY BE STRONGER THAN ME, HYDE--- BUT--!
NOW GET THAT CABLE-- WHILE YOU STILL CAN!


I'M IN LUCK! THE DOOR WAS UNLOCKED!
AND THEY'RE SHOUTING TOO LOUD TO HEAR ME PUSH IT OPEN--!
NOW--THERE'S GOT TO BE A CONTROL BOX NEARBY--WITH A SHUT-OFF SWITCH--!
IF I CAN MANAGE TO STOP THE GENERATOR---
IT'LL KILL ALL THE ELECTRICAL POWER THROUGHOUT THE LIGHTHOUSE--!
I FOUND IT!
HYDE!! WAIT!! STOP!! LOOK WHAT HAPPENED---!!
DAREDEVIL-- HE'S GONE!
WHAT?!
SPLASH!
THE LIGHTS-- THEY'RE OUT!!
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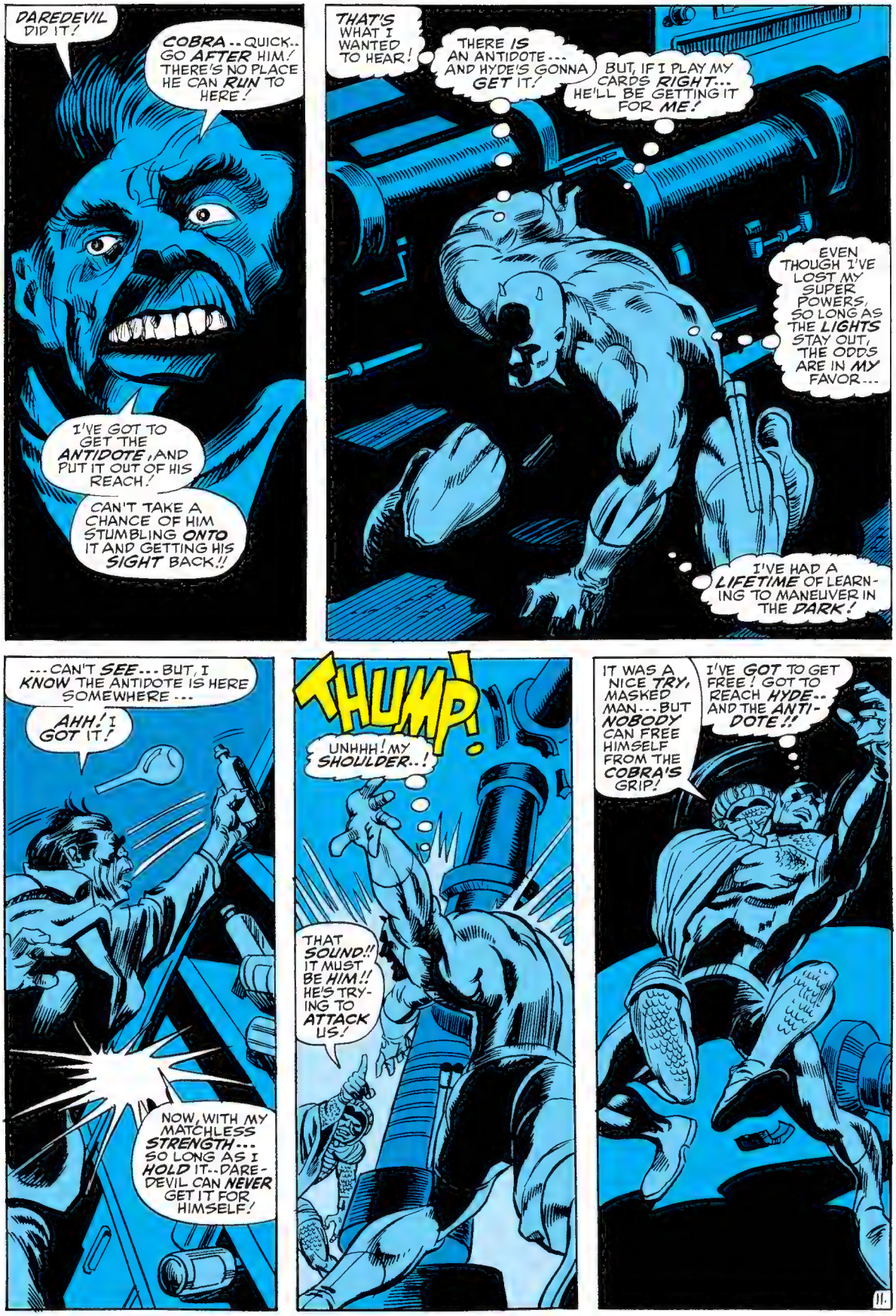
DAREDEVIL DID IT!
COBRA--QUICK--GO AFTER HIM! THERE'S NO PLACE HE CAN RUN TO HERE!
I'VE GOT TO GET THE ANTIDOTE, AND PUT IT OUT OF HIS REACH!
CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE OF HIM STUMBLING ONTO IT AND GETTING HIS SIGHT BACK!!
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR!
THERE IS AN ANTIDOTE--- AND HYDE'S GONNA GET IT!
BUT, IF I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT--- HE'LL BE GETTING IT FOR ME!
EVEN THOUGH I'VE LOST MY SUPER POWERS, SO LONG AS THE LIGHTS STAY OUT, THE ODDS ARE IN MY FAVOR---
I'VE HAD A LIFETIME OF LEARNING TO MANEUVER IN THE DARK!
---CAN'T SEE--- BUT, I KNOW THE ANTIDOTE IS HERE SOMEWHERE ---
AHH! I GOT IT!
NOW, WITH MY MATCHLESS STRENGTH--- SO LONG AS I HOLD IT--DAREDEVIL CAN NEVER GET IT FOR HIMSELF!
THUMP!
UNHHH! MY SHOULDER..!
THAT SOUND!! IT MUST BE HIM!! HE'S TRYING TO ATTACK US!
IT WAS A NICE TRY, MASKED MAN---BUT NOBODY CAN FREE HIMSELF FROM THE COBRA'S GRIP!
I'VE GOT TO GET FREE! GOT TO REACH HYDE-- AND THE ANTIDOTE!!
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SO NOBODY CAN FREE HIMSELF FROM THE COBRA'S GRIP, EH--??
WELL, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, SNAKE MAN! FROM NOW ON---
...JUST CALL ME NOBODY.!!
I KNOW YOU'RE THERE, DAREDEVIL!
IT'S HYDE!
EVEN THOUGH THE LIGHTS ARE OUT, I CAN HEAR YOU STUMBLING AROUND!
DOES HE HAVE..THE ANTIDOTE?!!
ALL I NEED DO IS KEEP SWINGING!! SOONER OR LATER I'LL FIND MY TARGET.
THE DARKNESS CAN'T HELP YOU NOW!
THE ONLY THING THAT COUNTS IS STRENGTH...
AND NONE CAN MATCH THE POWER OF HYDE!!
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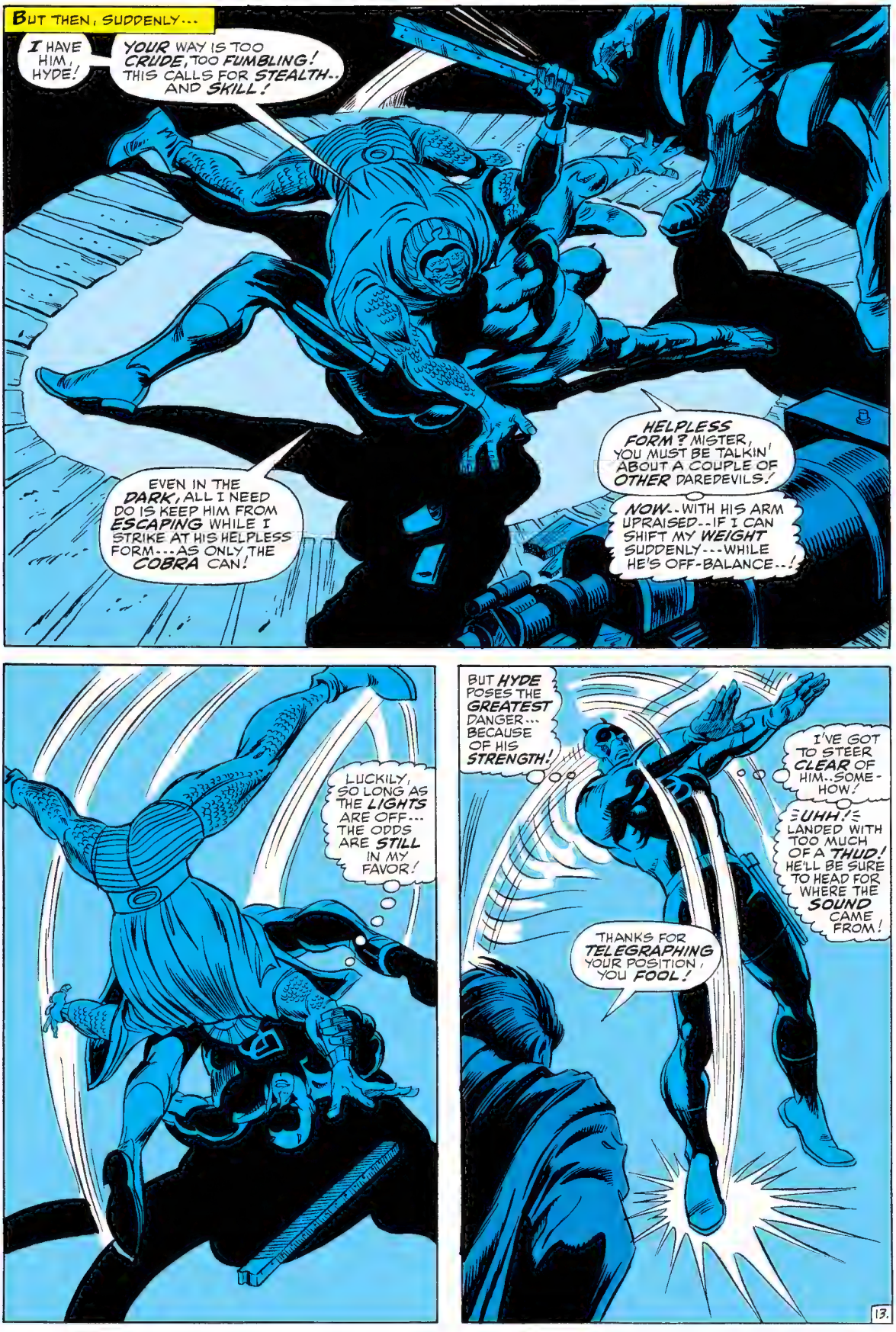
BUT THEN, SUDDENLY...
I HAVE HIM, HYDE!
YOUR WAY IS TOO CRUDE, TOO FUMBLING! THIS CALLS FOR STEALTH.. AND SKILL!
EVEN IN THE DARK, ALL I NEED DO IS KEEP HIM FROM ESCAPING WHILE I STRIKE AT HIS HELPLESS FORM...AS ONLY THE COBRA CAN!
HELPLESS FORM? MISTER, YOU MUST BE TALKIN' ABOUT A COUPLE OF OTHER DAREDEVILS!
NOW..WITH HIS ARM UPRAISED--IF I CAN SHIFT MY WEIGHT SUDDENLY---WHILE HE'S OFF-BALANCE..!
LUCKILY, SO LONG AS THE LIGHTS ARE OFF... THE ODDS ARE STILL IN MY FAVOR!
BUT HYDE POSES THE GREATEST DANGER... BECAUSE OF HIS STRENGTH!
I'VE GOT TO STEER CLEAR OF HIM..SOMEHOW!
=UHH!= LANDED WITH TOO MUCH OF A THUD! HE'LL BE SURE TO HEAD FOR WHERE THE SOUND CAME FROM!
THANKS FOR TELEGRAPHING YOUR POSITION, YOU FOOL!
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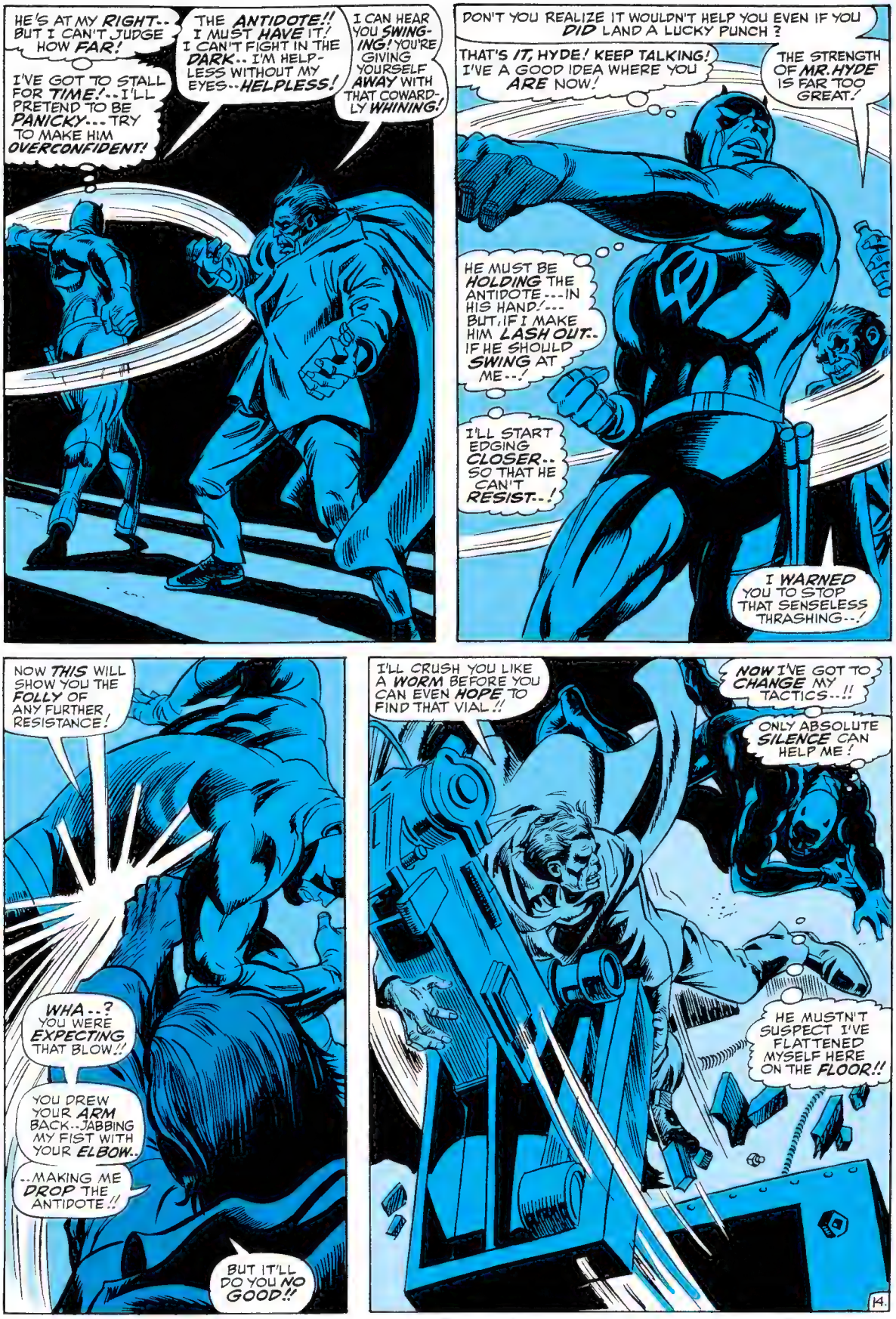
HE'S AT MY RIGHT-- BUT I CAN'T JUDGE HOW FAR!
I'VE GOT TO STALL FOR TIME!--I'LL PRETEND TO BE PANICKY--- TRY TO MAKE HIM OVERCONFIDENT!
THE ANTIDOTE!! I MUST HAVE IT! I CAN'T FIGHT IN THE DARK.. I'M HELPLESS WITHOUT MY EYES--HELPLESS!
I CAN HEAR YOU SWINGING! YOU'RE GIVING YOURSELF AWAY WITH THAT COWARDLY WHINING!
DON'T YOU REALIZE IT WOULDN'T HELP YOU EVEN IF YOU DID LAND A LUCKY PUNCH ?
THAT'S IT, HYDE! KEEP TALKING! I'VE A GOOD IDEA WHERE YOU ARE NOW!
THE STRENGTH OF MR. HYDE IS FAR TOO GREAT!
HE MUST BE HOLDING THE ANTIDOTE---IN HIS HAND!--- BUT, IF I MAKE HIM LASH OUT.. IF HE SHOULD SWING AT ME--!
I'LL START EDGING CLOSER.. SO THAT HE CAN'T RESIST--!
I WARNED YOU TO STOP THAT SENSELESS THRASHING--!
NOW THIS WILL SHOW YOU THE FOLLY OF ANY FURTHER RESISTANCE!
WHA..? YOU WERE EXPECTING THAT BLOW!!
YOU DREW YOUR ARM BACK..JABBING MY FIST WITH YOUR ELBOW..
..MAKING ME DROP THE ANTIDOTE!!
BUT IT'LL DO YOU NO GOOD!!
I'LL CRUSH YOU LIKE A WORM BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN HOPE TO FIND THAT VIAL!!
NOW I'VE GOT TO CHANGE MY TACTICS--!!
ONLY ABSOLUTE SILENCE CAN HELP ME!
HE MUSTN'T SUSPECT I'VE FLATTENED MYSELF HERE ON THE FLOOR!!
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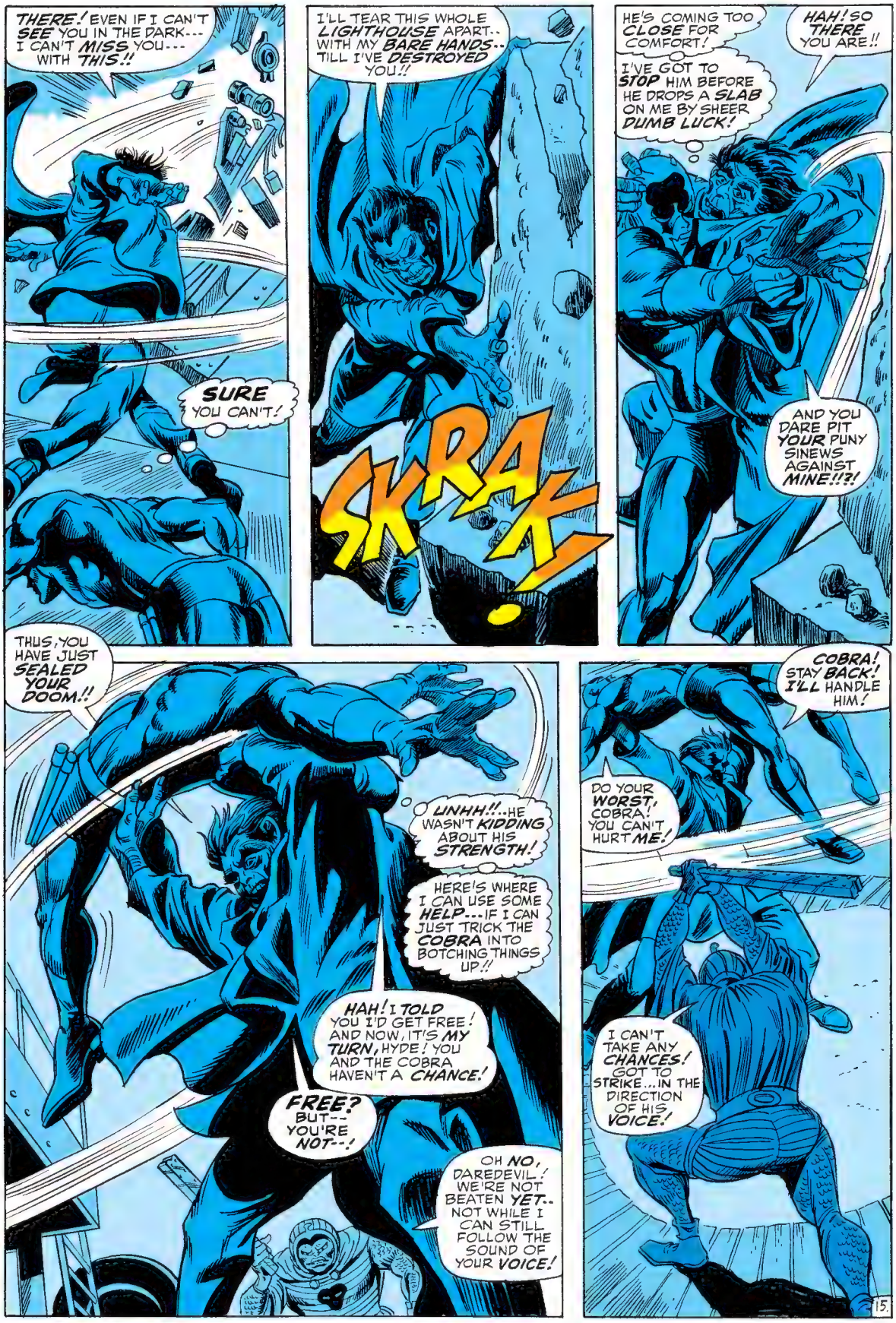
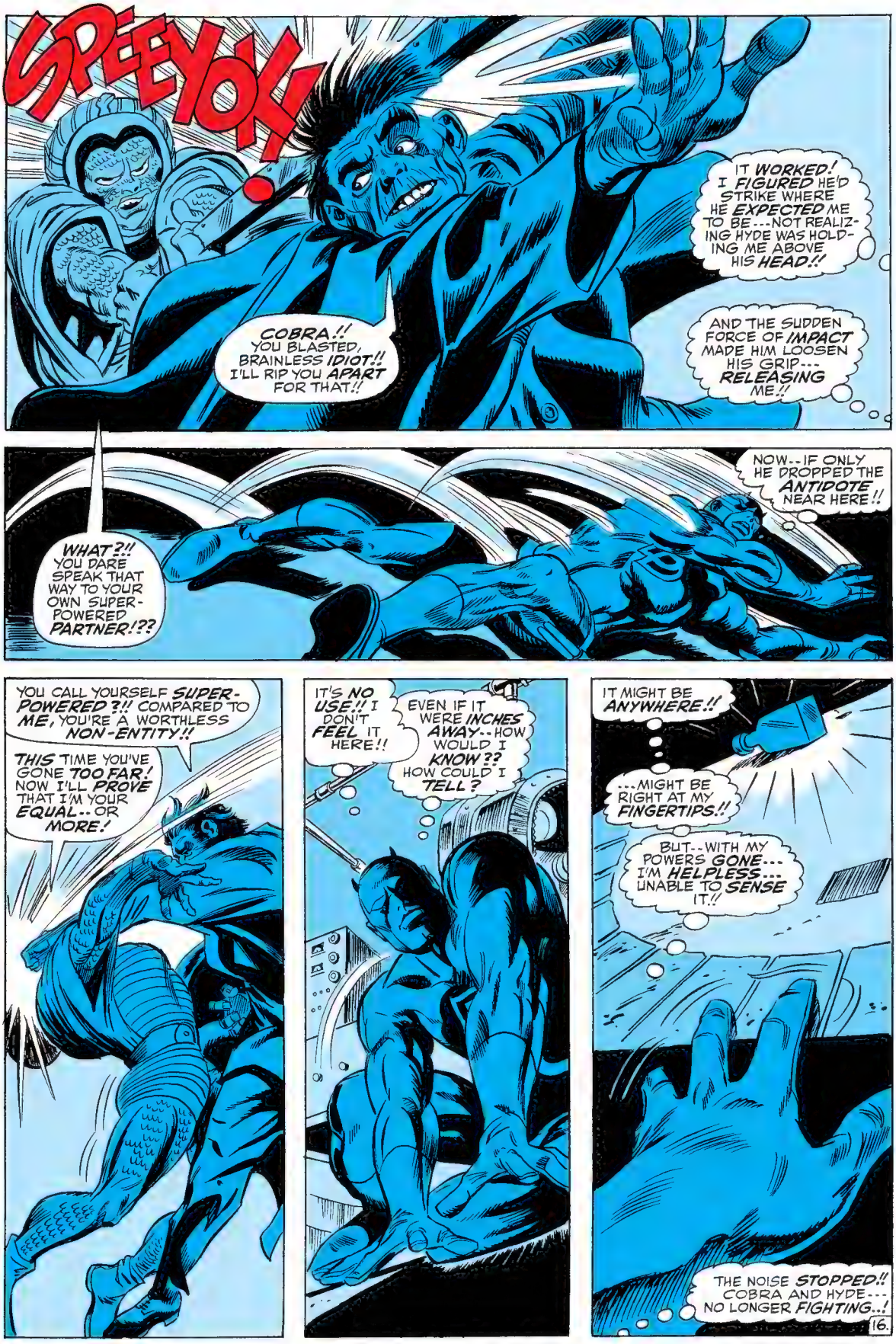
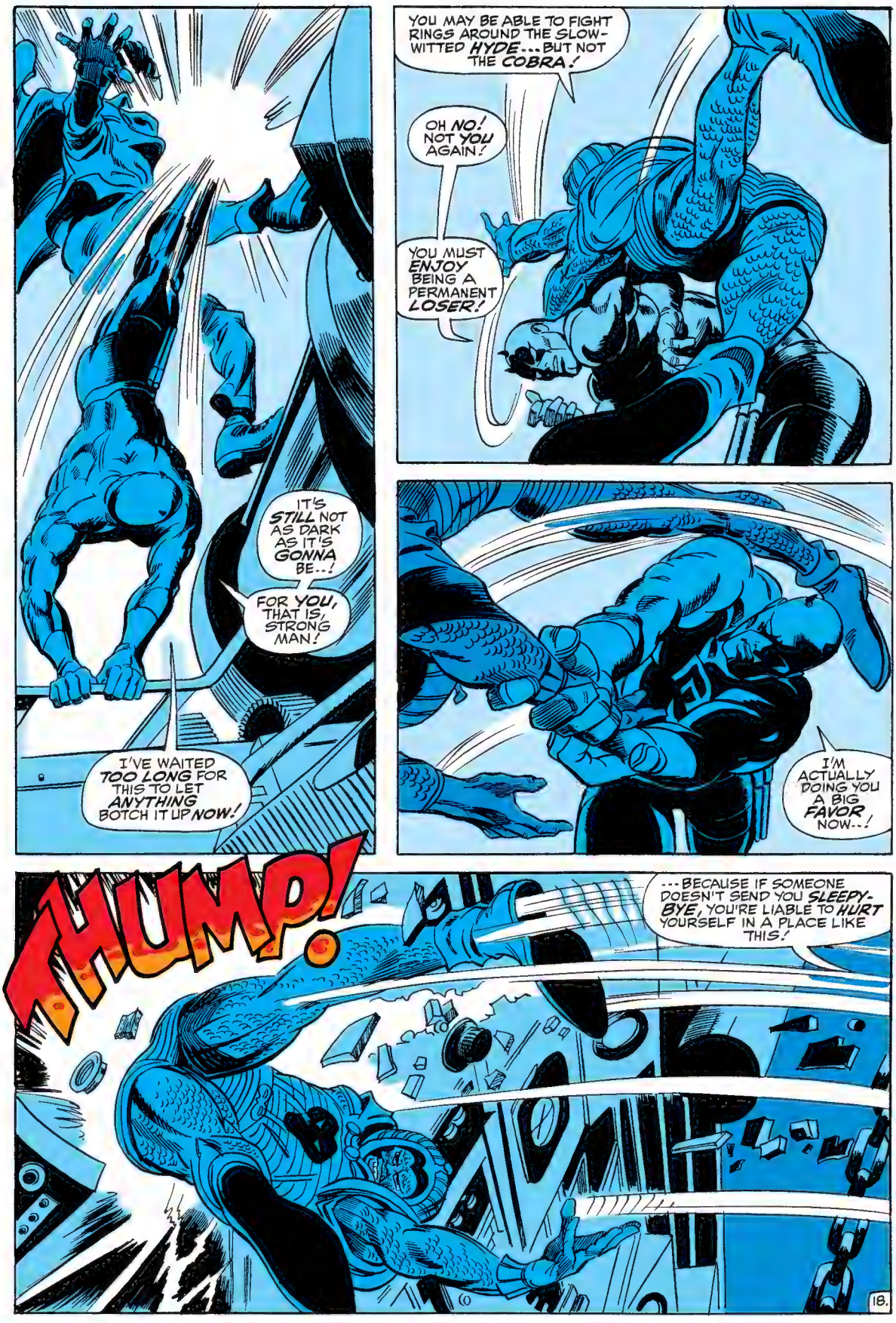
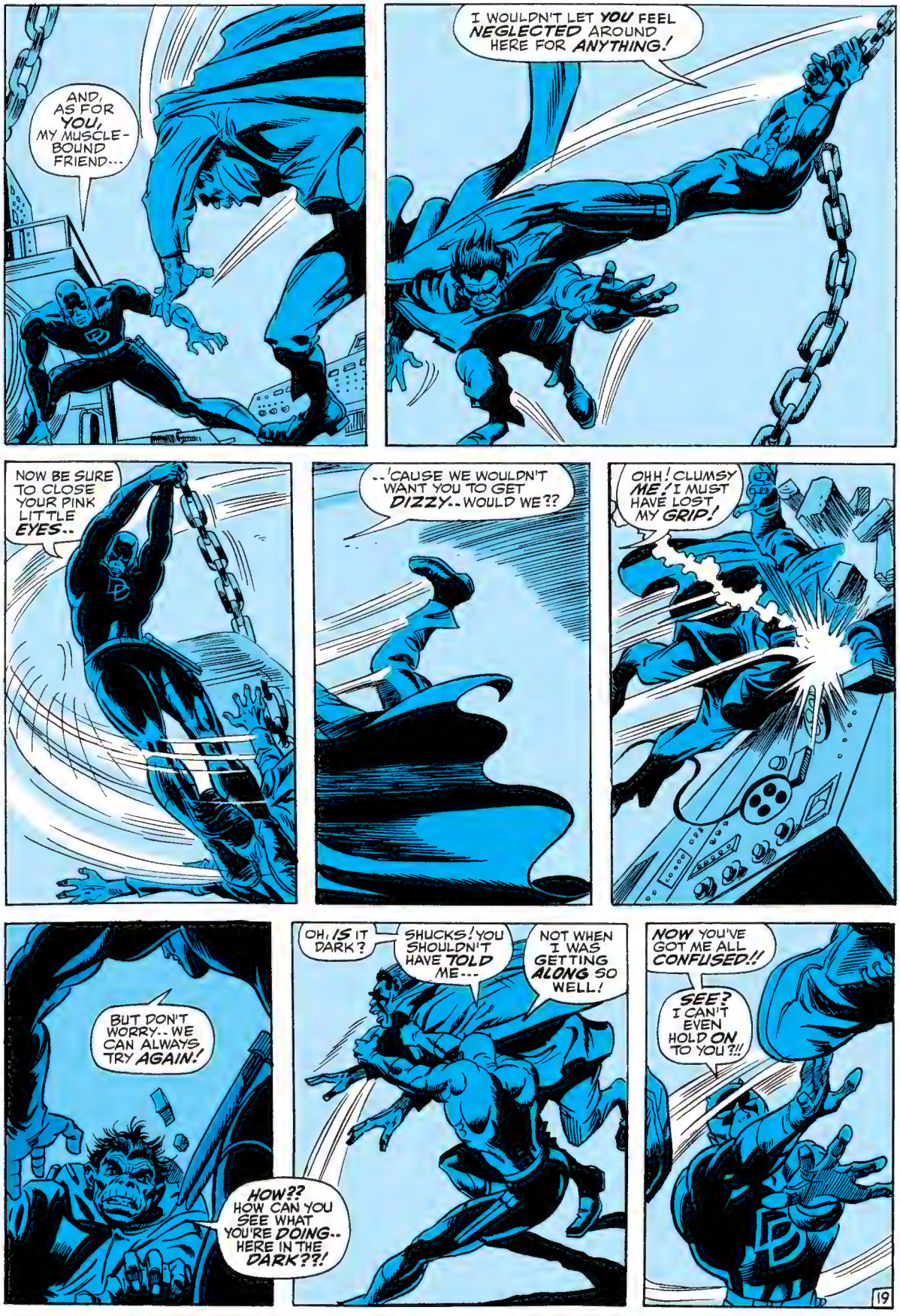

THERE! EVEN IF I CAN'T SEE YOU IN THE DARK--- I CAN'T MISS YOU--- WITH THIS!!
SURE YOU CAN'T!
I'LL TEAR THIS WHOLE LIGHTHOUSE APART-- WITH MY BARE HANDS-- TILL I'VE DESTROYED YOU!!
SKRAK!
HE'S COMING TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!
I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE DROPS A SLAB ON ME BY SHEER DUMB LUCK!
HAH! SO THERE YOU ARE!!
AND YOU DARE PIT YOUR PUNY SINEWS AGAINST MINE!!?!
THUS, YOU HAVE JUST SEALED YOUR DOOM!!
UNHH!!..HE WASN'T KIDDING ABOUT HIS STRENGTH!
HERE'S WHERE I CAN USE SOME HELP...IF I CAN JUST TRICK THE COBRA INTO BOTCHING THINGS UP!!
HAH! I TOLD YOU I'D GET FREE! AND NOW, IT'S MY TURN, HYDE! YOU AND THE COBRA HAVEN'T A CHANCE!
FREE? BUT-- YOU'RE NOT--!
OH NO, DAREDEVIL! WE'RE NOT BEATEN YET-- NOT WHILE I CAN STILL FOLLOW THE SOUND OF YOUR VOICE!
COBRA! STAY BACK! I'LL HANDLE HIM!
DO YOUR WORST, COBRA! YOU CAN'T HURT ME!
I CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES! GOT TO STRIKE...IN THE DIRECTION OF HIS VOICE!


SPEEYOK!
COBRA!! YOU BLASTED, BRAINLESS IDIOT!! I'LL RIP YOU APART FOR THAT!!
IT WORKED! I FIGURED HE'D STRIKE WHERE HE EXPECTED ME TO BE---NOT REALIZING HYDE WAS HOLDING ME ABOVE HIS HEAD!!
AND THE SUDDEN FORCE OF IMPACT MADE HIM LOOSEN HIS GRIP--- RELEASING ME!!
WHAT?!! YOU DARE SPEAK THAT WAY TO YOUR OWN SUPER-POWERED PARTNER!??
NOW--IF ONLY HE DROPPED THE ANTIDOTE NEAR HERE!!
YOU CALL YOURSELF SUPER-POWERED?!! COMPARED TO ME, YOU'RE A WORTHLESS NON-ENTITY!!
THIS TIME YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR! NOW I'LL PROVE THAT I'M YOUR EQUAL--OR MORE!
IT'S NO USE!! I DON'T FEEL IT HERE!!
EVEN IF IT WERE INCHES AWAY--HOW WOULD I KNOW?? HOW COULD I TELL?
IT MIGHT BE ANYWHERE!!
---MIGHT BE RIGHT AT MY FINGERTIPS!!
BUT--WITH MY POWERS GONE--- I'M HELPLESS--- UNABLE TO SENSE IT!!
THE NOISE STOPPED!! COBRA AND HYDE--- NO LONGER FIGHTING..!

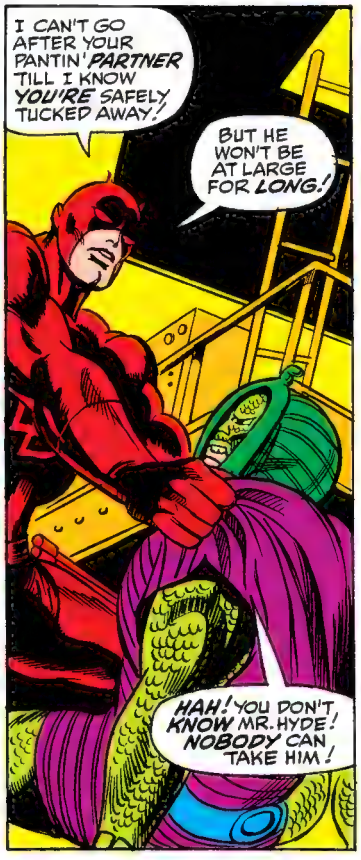
WE'LL SETTLE ACCOUNTS LATER!
OUR FIRST JOB IS TO FIND THAT ANTIDOTE... BEFORE DAREDEVIL DOES!
YES! BUT, AS SOON WE DO.. WE'LL FINISH WHERE WE LEFT OFF!
IS LIFE SO VALUELESS TO YOU THAT YOU DON'T MIND LOSING IT AT THE HANDS OF HYDE??!
BAH!! YOUR MINDLESS STRENGTH CAN'T SAVE YOU FROM...
THE VIAL!! I'VE GOT IT!!
GOOD! THEN I'VE NO FURTHER USE FOR YOU!!
LOOK OUT, YOU FOOL! THE BOTTLE..!
I DROPPED IT!! YOU MADE ME DROP IT!
AND, WHILE THE TWO ARCH-VILLAINS AWKWARDLY STRIVE TO UNTANGLE THEMSELVES... A DESPERATE FIGURE POUNCES LIKE A RED-GARBED STREAK IN THE DIRECTION OF THE FALLING BOTTLE..!
IT'S MINE..AT LAST!!
THEN, BEFORE HE CAN POSSIBLY BE STOPPED...
IT HAS TO WORK! IT HAS TO!
IT IS! I CAN ALREADY HEAR THE HEARTBEAT OF A FIGURE SNEAKING UP BEHIND ME!
OH, MAN! IT'S LIKE SOMEONE JUST TURNED THE LIGHTS BACK ON!
HYDE!! HE-- CAN SEE AGAIN!! UNGHHHH!
SO WHAT?!! HE'S STILL NO BETTER OFF THAN WE ARE...
NOT AS LONG AS IT STAYS DARK IN HERE!


YOU MAY BE ABLE TO FIGHT RINGS AROUND THE SLOW-WITTED HYDE... BUT NOT THE COBRA!
OH NO! NOT YOU AGAIN!
YOU MUST ENJOY BEING A PERMANENT LOSER!
IT'S STILL NOT AS DARK AS IT'S GONNA BE...!
FOR YOU, THAT IS, STRONG MAN!
I'VE WAITED TOO LONG FOR THIS TO LET ANYTHING BOTCH IT UP NOW!
I'M ACTUALLY DOING YOU A BIG FAVOR NOW...!
THUMP!
...BECAUSE IF SOMEONE DOESN'T SEND YOU SLEEPY-BYE, YOU'RE LIABLE TO HURT YOURSELF IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!


AND, AS FOR YOU, MY MUSCLE-BOUND FRIEND...
I WOULDN'T LET YOU FEEL NEGLECTED AROUND HERE FOR ANYTHING!
NOW BE SURE TO CLOSE YOUR PINK LITTLE EYES..
..'CAUSE WE WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO GET DIZZY..WOULD WE??
OHH! CLUMSY ME! I MUST HAVE LOST MY GRIP!
BUT DON'T WORRY.. WE CAN ALWAYS TRY AGAIN!
HOW?? HOW CAN YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING.. HERE IN THE DARK??!
OH, IS IT DARK?
SHUCKS! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD ME...
NOT WHEN I WAS GETTING ALONG SO WELL!
NOW YOU'VE GOT ME ALL CONFUSED!!
SEE? I CAN'T EVEN HOLD ON TO YOU?!!

BUT, ADDING HIS OWN UNFATHOMABLE STRENGTH TO THE FORCE OF DD'S ATTACK, THE HERCULEAN MR. HYDE MANAGES TO CRASH RIGHT THROUGH THE SOLID STONE WALL--TO THE WAITING SEA BELOW---!
AND, AS THE NOW-VICTORIOUS DAREDEVIL SUMMONS THE POLICE, AFTER RESTORING THE ELECTRIC POWER THROUGH-OUT THE LIGHTHOUSE---

THE SOUND OF A MOTOR BOAT'S HIGH SPEED ENGINES!
IT MEANS HYDE IS MAKING A GETAWAY!


I CAN'T GO AFTER YOUR PANTIN' PARTNER TILL I KNOW YOU'RE SAFELY TUCKED AWAY!
BUT HE WON'T BE AT LARGE FOR LONG!
HAH! YOU DON'T KNOW MR. HYDE! NOBODY CAN TAKE HIM!

AND NO JAIL CAN HOLD THE COBRA! I'LL REJOIN HIM BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!
IF YOU DO, I'LL JUST HAVE TO GO AFTER YOU AGAIN!
THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I PICKED THE SUPER-HERO BUSINESS--- THERE'S NEVER A SLOW SEASON!

HE'S ALL YOURS, BOYS!
WE SHOULD'A LOADED UP WITH SNAKE FOOD!
HE'S NOT MUCH TO LOOK AT-- BUT HE'S GREAT AT A PARTY!
TOO BAD HYDE MANAGED TO SLIP AWAY!
WELL, YOU WIN SOME.. AND YOU LOSE SOME!

Y'KNOW, PAL---THERE WAS A NUTTY RUMOR MAKIN' THE ROUNDS LATELY---
SOME JOKERS WERE CLAIMIN' YOU WERE HELPLESS--- COULDN'T SEE A THING!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!
THAT'S PRETTY WILD, HUH?
BUT, YOU KNOW HOW IT IS.. SOME PEOPLE'LL BELIEVE ANYTHING!
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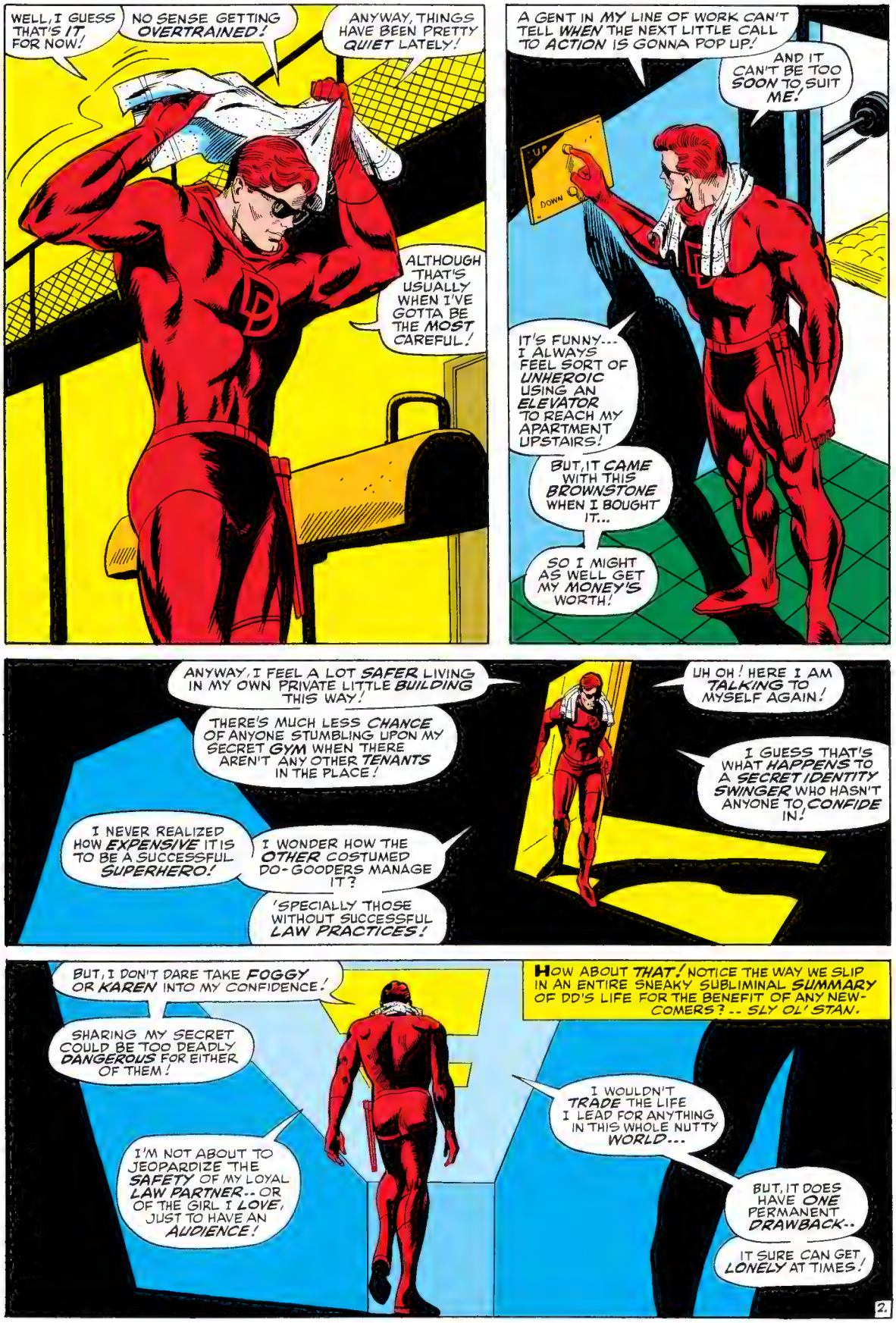
WELL, I GUESS THAT'S IT FOR NOW!
NO SENSE GETTING OVERTRAINED!
ANYWAY, THINGS HAVE BEEN PRETTY QUIET LATELY!
ALTHOUGH THAT'S USUALLY WHEN I'VE GOTTA BE THE MOST CAREFUL!
A GENT IN MY LINE OF WORK CAN'T TELL WHEN THE NEXT LITTLE CALL TO ACTION IS GONNA POP UP!
AND IT CAN'T BE TOO SOON TO SUIT ME!
UP
DOWN
IT'S FUNNY... I ALWAYS FEEL SORT OF UNHEROIC USING AN ELEVATOR TO REACH MY APARTMENT UPSTAIRS!
BUT, IT CAME WITH THIS BROWNSTONE WHEN I BOUGHT IT...
SO I MIGHT AS WELL GET MY MONEY'S WORTH!
ANYWAY, I FEEL A LOT SAFER LIVING IN MY OWN PRIVATE LITTLE BUILDING THIS WAY!
THERE'S MUCH LESS CHANCE OF ANYONE STUMBLING UPON MY SECRET GYM WHEN THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER TENANTS IN THE PLACE!
I NEVER REALIZED HOW EXPENSIVE IT IS TO BE A SUCCESSFUL SUPERHERO!
I WONDER HOW THE OTHER COSTUMED DO-GOODERS MANAGE IT?
'SPECIALLY THOSE WITHOUT SUCCESSFUL LAW PRACTICES!
UH OH! HERE I AM TALKING TO MYSELF AGAIN!
I GUESS THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS TO A SECRET IDENTITY SWINGER WHO HASN'T ANYONE TO CONFIDE IN!
BUT, I DON'T DARE TAKE FOGGY OR KAREN INTO MY CONFIDENCE!
SHARING MY SECRET COULD BE TOO DEADLY DANGEROUS FOR EITHER OF THEM!
I'M NOT ABOUT TO JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF MY LOYAL LAW PARTNER-- OR OF THE GIRL I LOVE, JUST TO HAVE AN AUDIENCE!
HOW ABOUT THAT! NOTICE THE WAY WE SLIP IN AN ENTIRE SNEAKY SUBLIMINAL SUMMARY OF DD'S LIFE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY NEW-COMERS? -- SLY OL' STAN.
I WOULDN'T TRADE THE LIFE I LEAD FOR ANYTHING IN THIS WHOLE NUTTY WORLD...
BUT, IT DOES HAVE ONE PERMANENT DRAWBACK..
IT SURE CAN GET LONELY AT TIMES!
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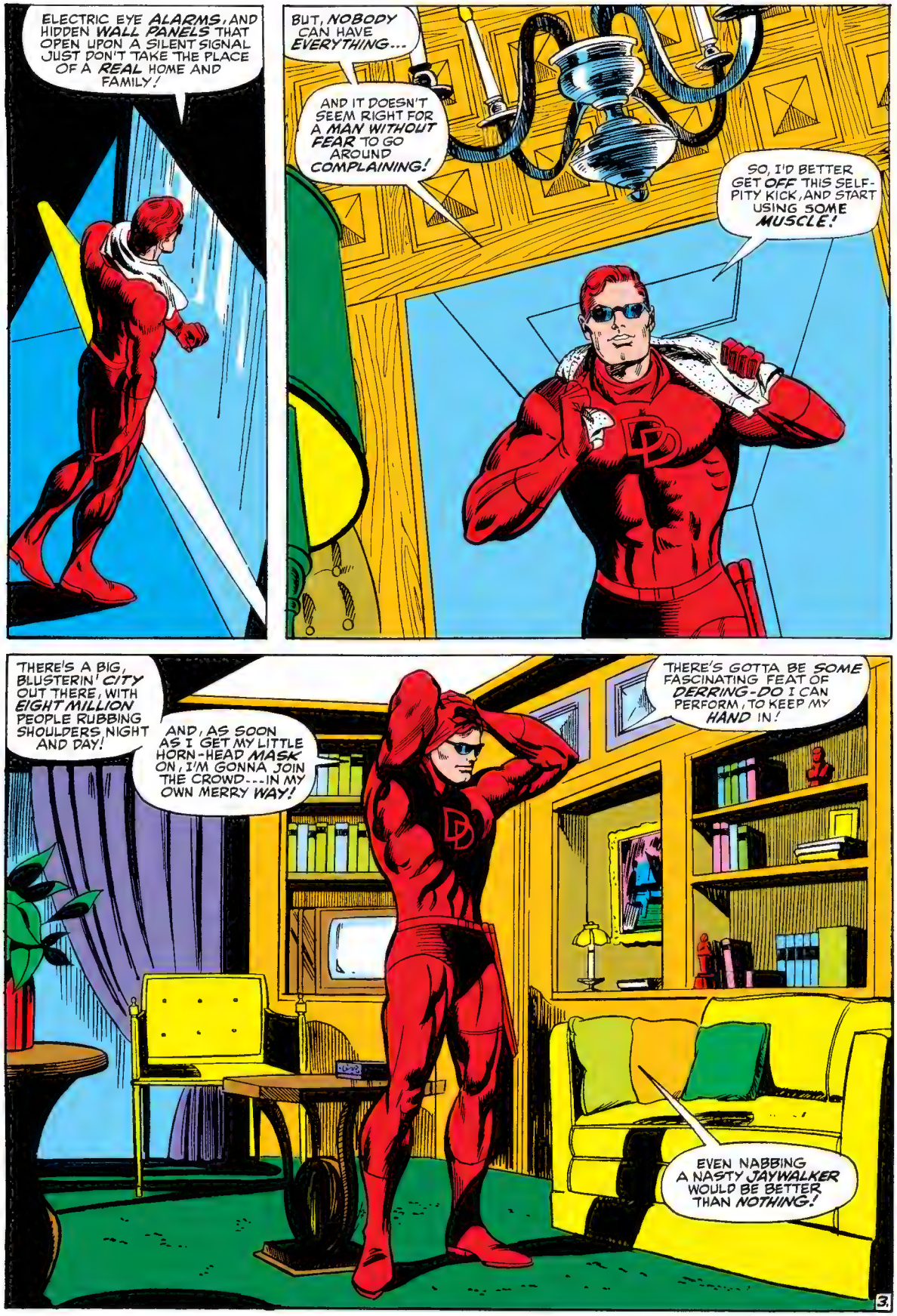
ELECTRIC EYE ALARMS, AND HIDDEN WALL PANELS THAT OPEN UPON A SILENT SIGNAL JUST DON'T TAKE THE PLACE OF A REAL HOME AND FAMILY!
BUT, NOBODY CAN HAVE EVERYTHING...
AND IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT FOR A MAN WITHOUT FEAR TO GO AROUND COMPLAINING!
SO, I'D BETTER GET OFF THIS SELF-PITY KICK, AND START USING SOME MUSCLE!
THERE'S A BIG, BLUSTERIN' CITY OUT THERE, WITH EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE RUBBING SHOULDERS NIGHT AND DAY!
AND, AS SOON AS I GET MY LITTLE HORN-HEAD MASK ON, I'M GONNA JOIN THE CROWD---IN MY OWN MERRY WAY!
THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME FASCINATING FEAT OF DERRING-DO I CAN PERFORM, TO KEEP MY HAND IN!
EVEN NABBING A NASTY JAYWALKER WOULD BE BETTER THAN NOTHING!
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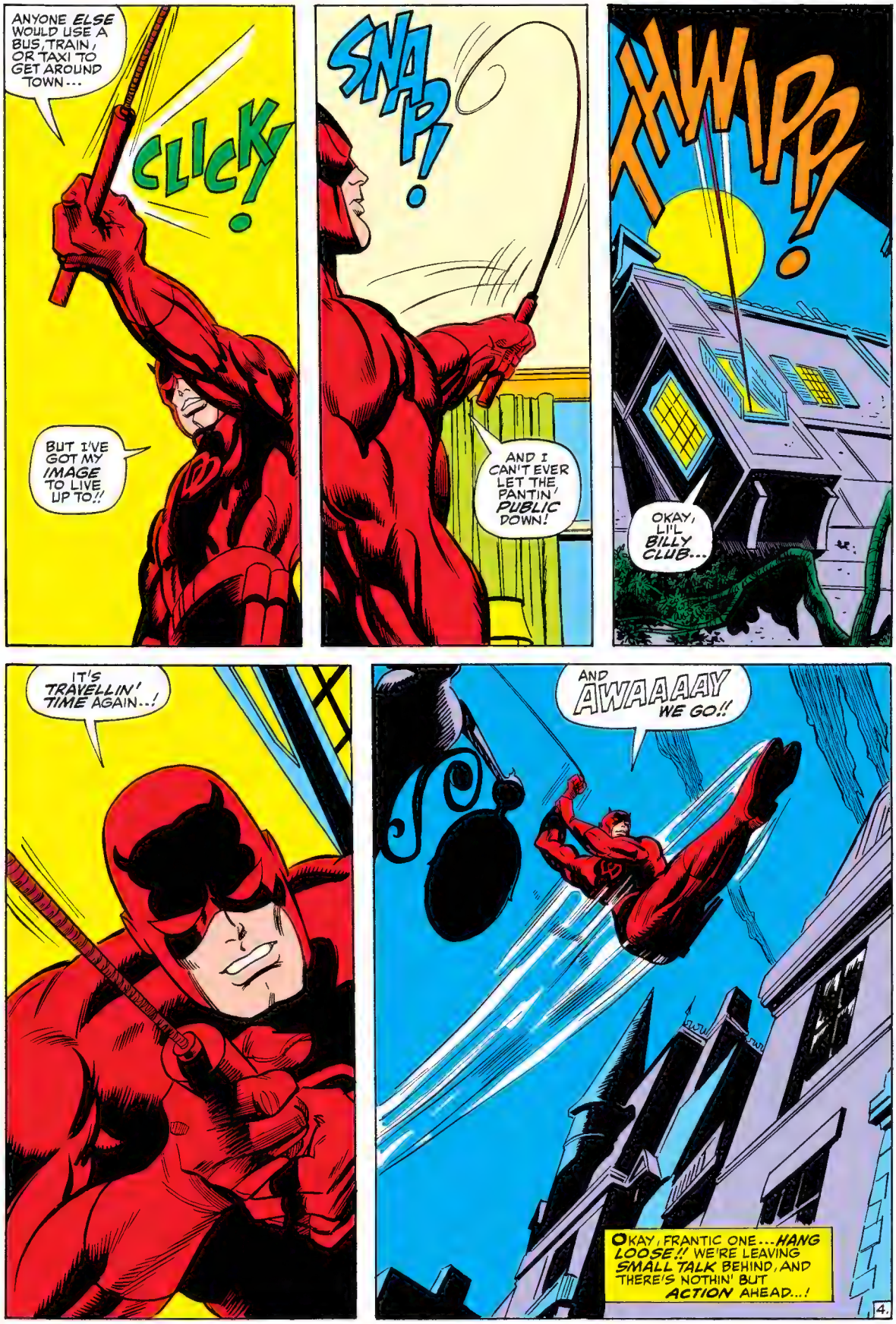
ANYONE ELSE WOULD USE A BUS, TRAIN, OR TAXI TO GET AROUND TOWN...
CLICK!
BUT I'VE GOT MY IMAGE TO LIVE UP TO!!
SNAP!
AND I CAN'T EVER LET THE PANTIN' PUBLIC DOWN!
THWIPP!
OKAY, LI'L BILLY CLUB...
IT'S TRAVELLIN' TIME AGAIN...!
AND AWAAAAY WE GO!!
OKAY, FRANTIC ONE... HANG LOOSE!! WE'RE LEAVING SMALL TALK BEHIND, AND THERE'S NOTHIN' BUT ACTION AHEAD...!
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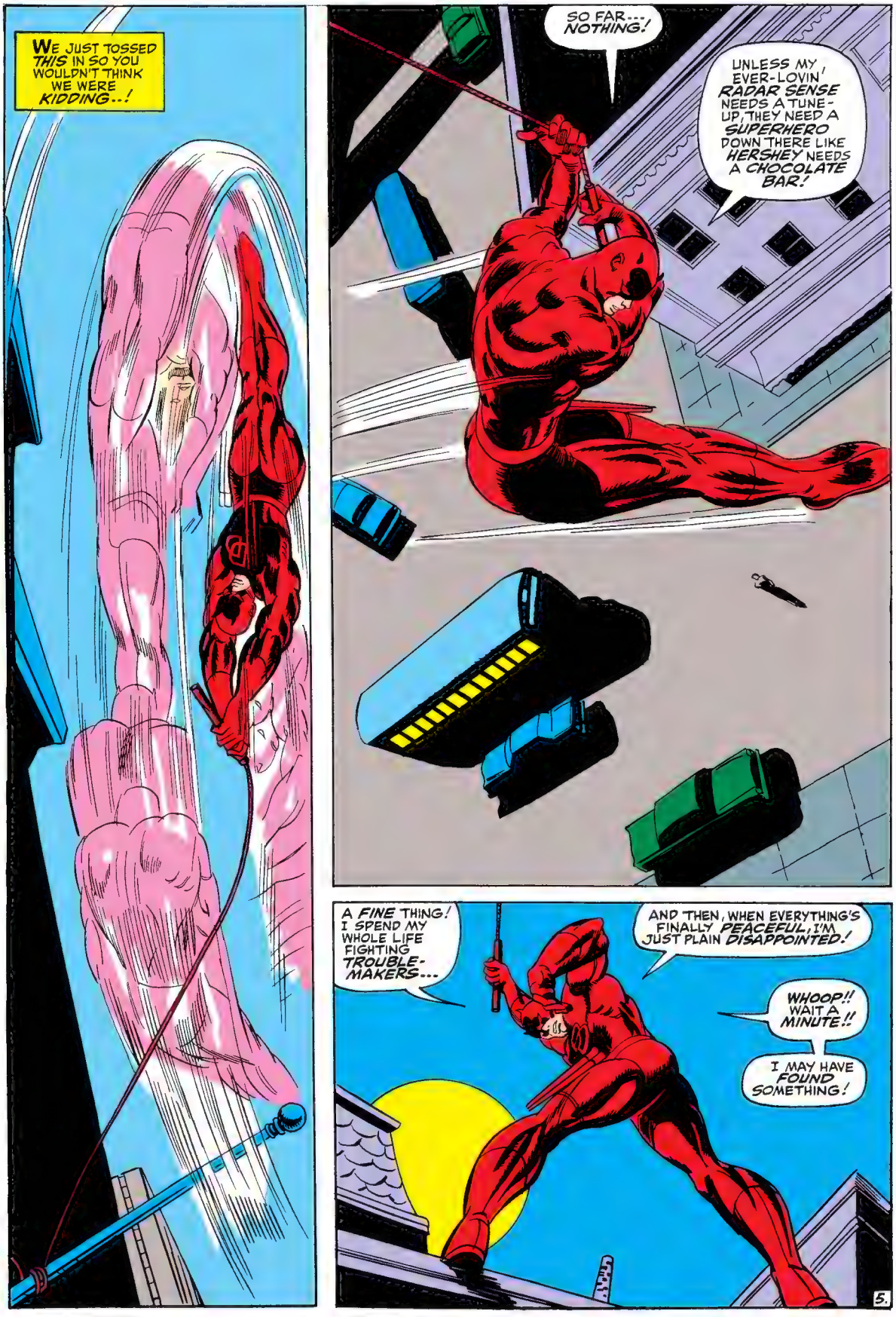
WE JUST TOSSED THIS IN SO YOU WOULDN'T THINK WE WERE KIDDING..!
SO FAR... NOTHING!
UNLESS MY EVER-LOVIN' RADAR SENSE NEEDS A TUNE-UP, THEY NEED A SUPERHERO DOWN THERE LIKE HERSHEY NEEDS A CHOCOLATE BAR!
A FINE THING! I SPEND MY WHOLE LIFE FIGHTING TROUBLE-MAKERS...
AND THEN, WHEN EVERYTHING'S FINALLY PEACEFUL, I'M JUST PLAIN DISAPPOINTED.!
WHOOP!! WAIT A MINUTE!!
I MAY HAVE FOUND SOMETHING!

THOSE TWO HEARTBEATS BELOW--I COULDN'T MISTAKE THEM ANYWHERE!
AND NOW I HEAR THEIR VOICES!!
THAT CLINCHES IT!
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'VE STUMBLED ONTO LOTS MORE TROUBLE THAN I WOULD HAVE DARED BARGAIN FOR!
IT'S ELECTRO--- AND THE MATADOR-- WHISPERING IN THAT ALLEY BELOW---
YOU HAVE MY WORD! I WILL DO MY SHARE TO DESTROY DAREDEVIL!
..AND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT.. ME!
THE BEAUTY OF MY PLAN IS THE FACT THAT HE SUSPECTS NOTHING!
I SPENT LONG MONTHS, WORKING IN SECRET... CONTACTING THE MOST POWERFUL OF HIS OLD ENEMIES!
AND NOW.. MY EFFORTS ARE ABOUT TO PAY OFF!
WE CANNOT FAIL! EVEN SINGLE-HANDED, WE ARE EACH A MATCH FOR DAREDEVIL!
BUT NOW, THERE WILL BE FIVE OF US... WORKING AS A TEAM...
FIVE OF THE MIGHTIEST EMISSARIES OF EVIL EVER ASSEMBLED!
AND I...THE INVINCIBLE MASTER OF ELECTRICITY, WILL GUIDE US TO VICTORY!
I DON'T CARE WHO DOES THE GUIDING---ALL I WANT IS REVENGE--- REVENGE AGAINST THE ONLY MAN WHO EVER DEFEATED ME!
HOW I WISH HE WERE HERE RIGHT NOW--- TO FEEL THE BITE OF THE MATADOR'S DEADLY BLADE!
YOU MUSTA WISHED ON A STAR, SWEETIE! THIS IS YOUR LUCKY DAY!
WHAT? WHO SAID THAT?!!
JUST THAT LOVEABLE OL' DAREDEVIL---ME!
IT... IT'S HIM!
THIS MEANS WE NEED WAIT NO LONGER!!
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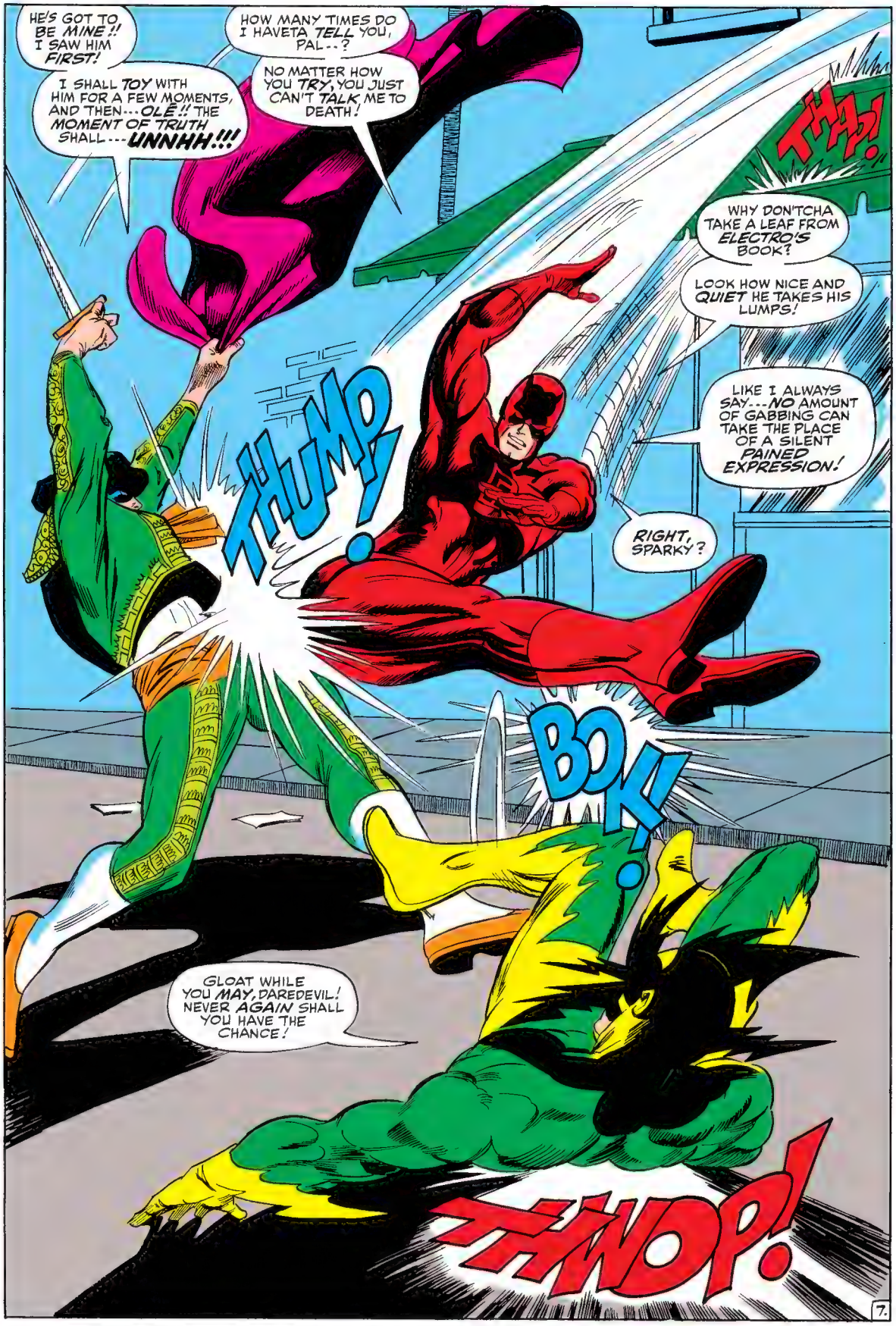
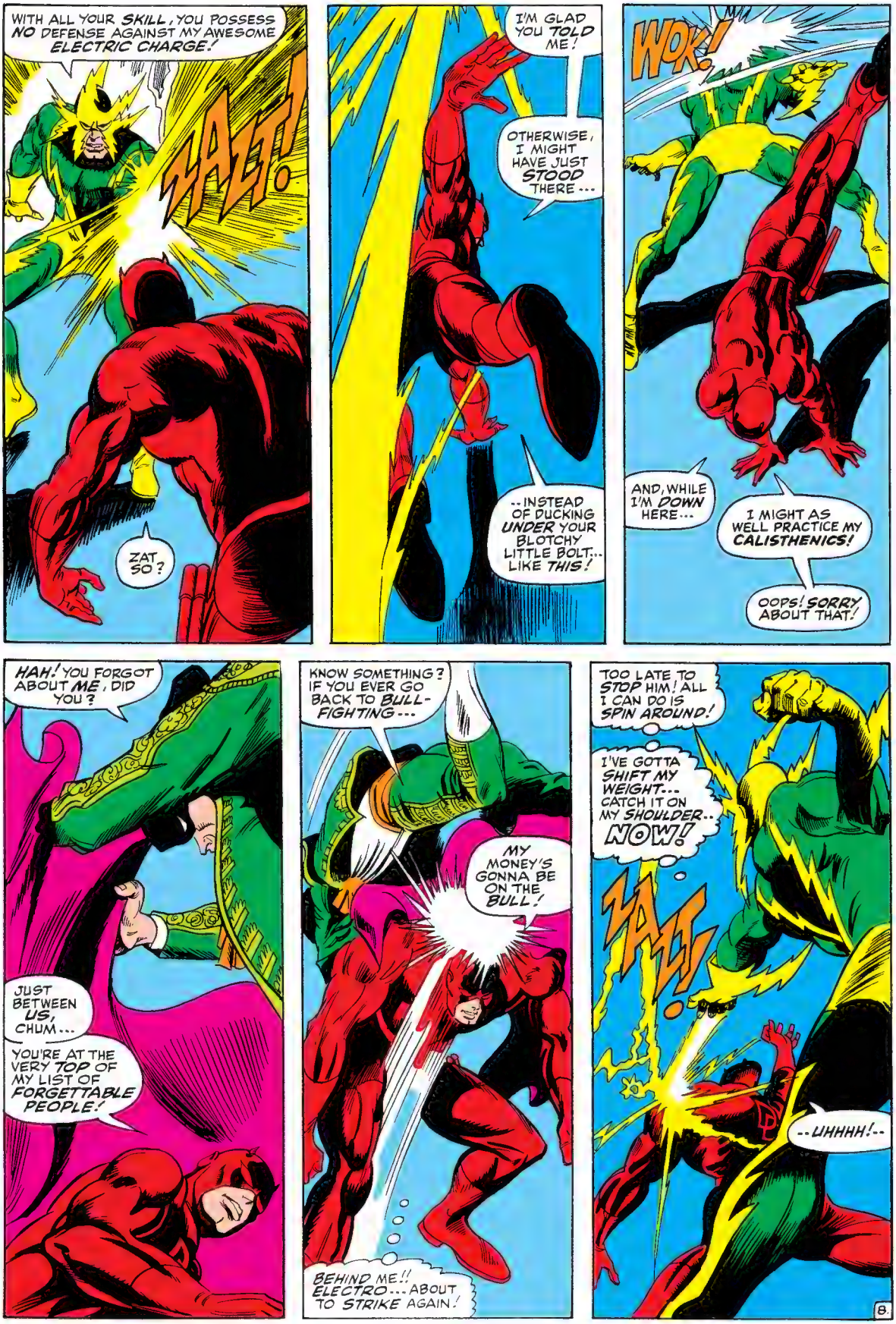

HE'S GOT TO BE MINE!! I SAW HIM FIRST!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVETA TELL YOU, PAL--?
I SHALL TOY WITH HIM FOR A FEW MOMENTS, AND THEN---OLÉ!! THE MOMENT OF TRUTH SHALL---UNNHH!!!
NO MATTER HOW YOU TRY, YOU JUST CAN'T TALK ME TO DEATH!
THAP!
WHY DON'TCHA TAKE A LEAF FROM ELECTRO'S BOOK?
LOOK HOW NICE AND QUIET HE TAKES HIS LUMPS!
LIKE I ALWAYS SAY---NO AMOUNT OF GABBING CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF A SILENT PAINED EXPRESSION!
THUMP!
RIGHT, SPARKY?
BOK!
GLOAT WHILE YOU MAY, DAREDEVIL! NEVER AGAIN SHALL YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!
THWOP!


WITH ALL YOUR SKILL, YOU POSSESS NO DEFENSE AGAINST MY AWESOME ELECTRIC CHARGE!
ZAAT!
ZAT SO?
I'M GLAD YOU TOLD ME!
OTHERWISE, I MIGHT HAVE JUST STOOD THERE...
...INSTEAD OF DUCKING UNDER YOUR BLOTCHY LITTLE BOLT... LIKE THIS!
WOK!
AND, WHILE I'M DOWN HERE...
I MIGHT AS WELL PRACTICE MY CALISTHENICS!
OOPS! SORRY ABOUT THAT!
HAH! YOU FORGOT ABOUT ME, DID YOU?
JUST BETWEEN US, CHUM...
YOU'RE AT THE VERY TOP OF MY LIST OF FORGETTABLE PEOPLE!
KNOW SOMETHING? IF YOU EVER GO BACK TO BULL-FIGHTING...
MY MONEY'S GONNA BE ON THE BULL!
BEHIND ME!! ELECTRO... ABOUT TO STRIKE AGAIN!
TOO LATE TO STOP HIM! ALL I CAN DO IS SPIN AROUND!
I'VE GOTTA SHIFT MY WEIGHT... CATCH IT ON MY SHOULDER... NOW!
ZAAT!
...UHHHH!...
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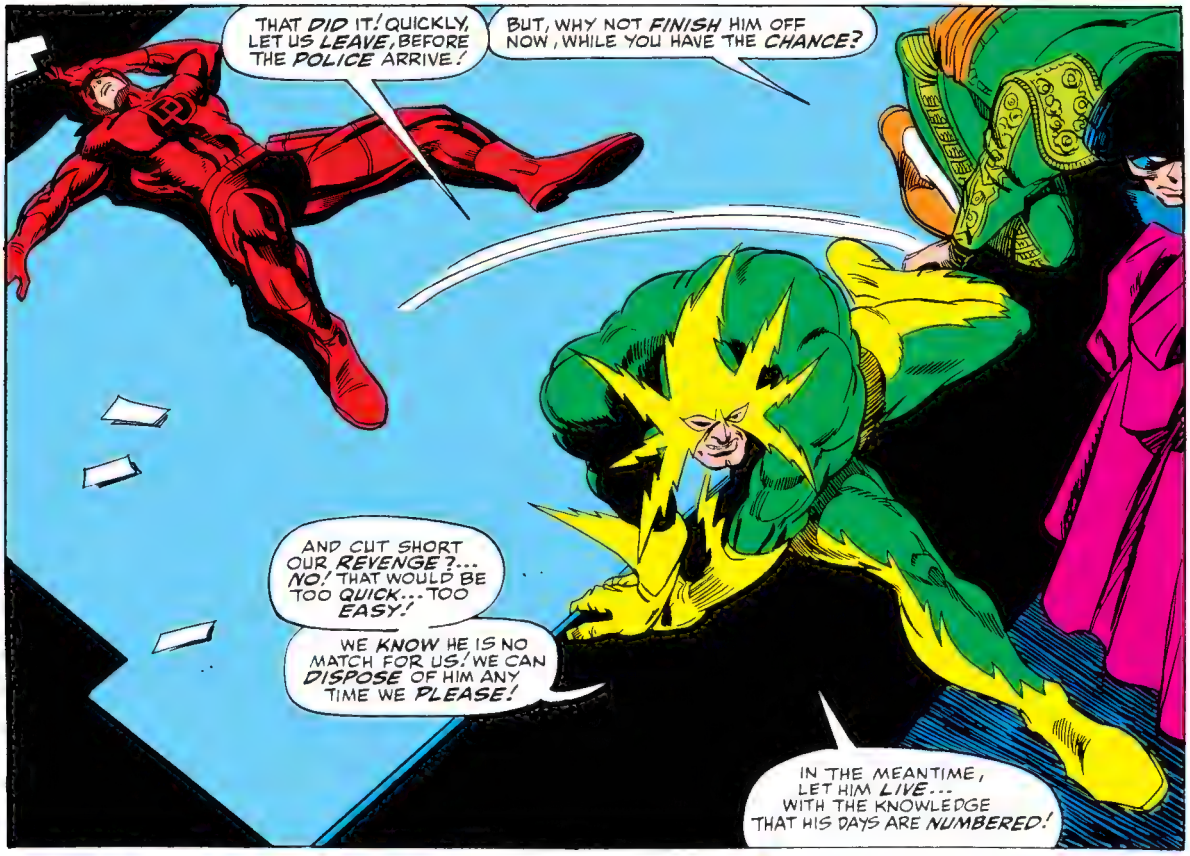
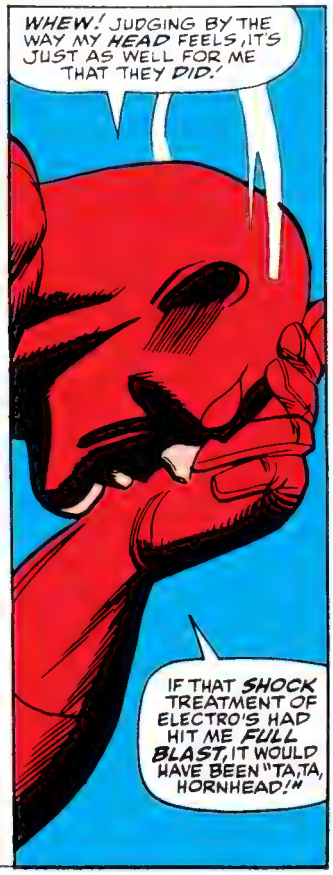
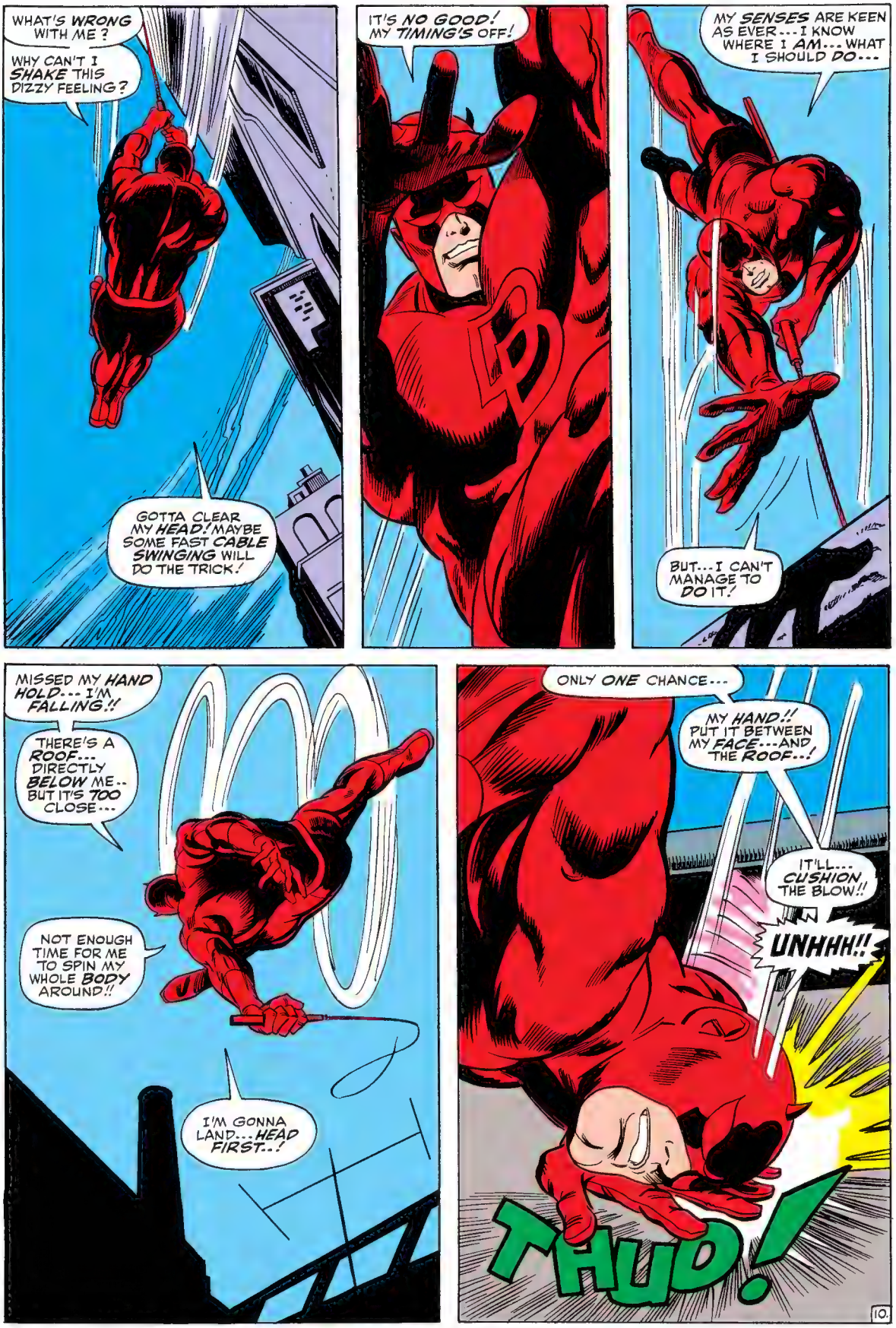
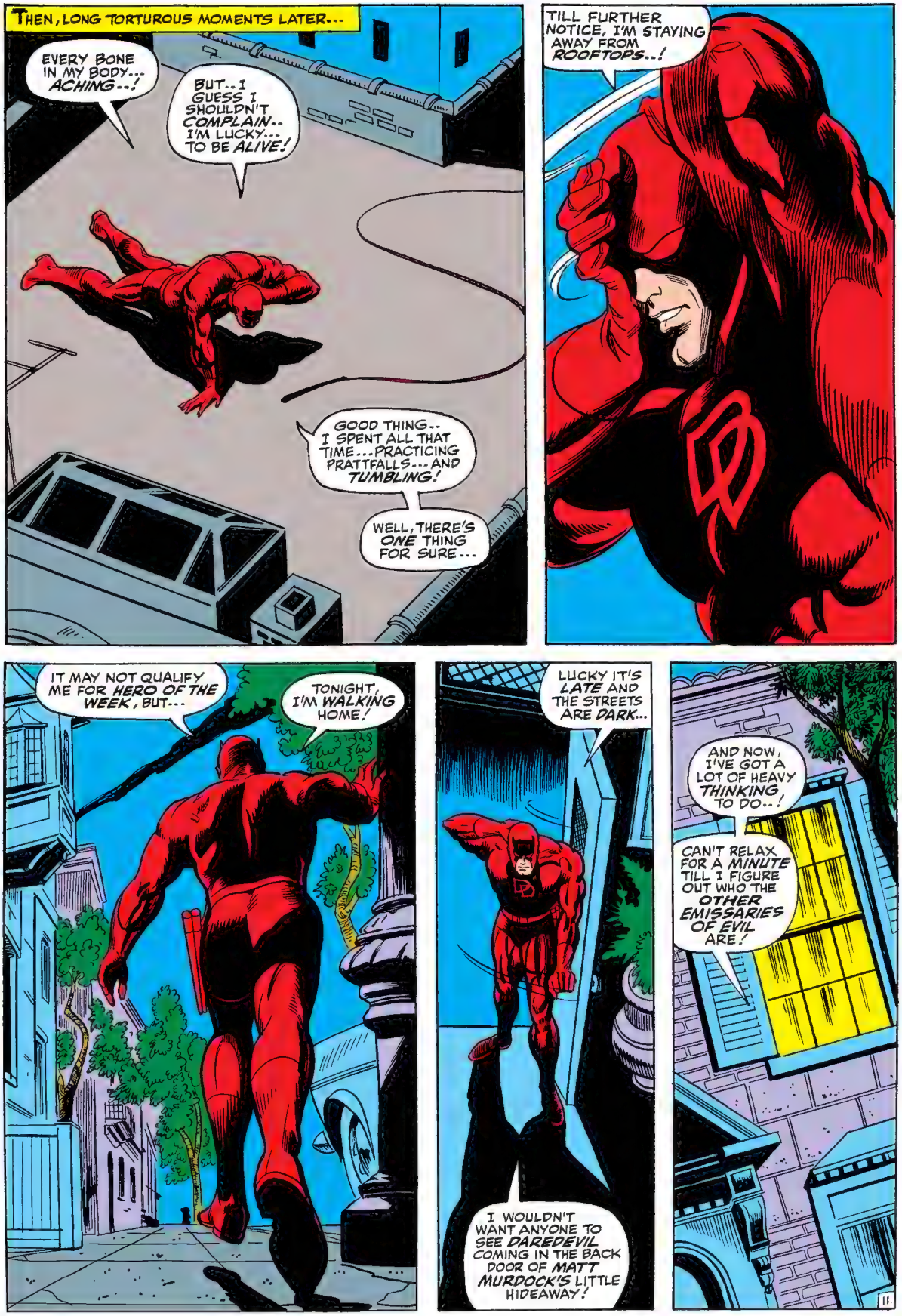

THAT DID IT! QUICKLY, LET US LEAVE, BEFORE THE POLICE ARRIVE!
BUT, WHY NOT FINISH HIM OFF NOW, WHILE YOU HAVE THE CHANCE?
AND CUT SHORT OUR REVENGE?... NO! THAT WOULD BE TOO QUICK... TOO EASY!
WE KNOW HE IS NO MATCH FOR US! WE CAN DISPOSE OF HIM ANY TIME WE PLEASE!
IN THE MEANTIME, LET HIM LIVE... WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HIS DAYS ARE NUMBERED!

AND, ON THAT GENEROUS NOTE, WE RETURN TO DD.. SECONDS LATER...
THIS IS ONE TIME PLAYING POSSUM DIDN'T WORK!
I HOPED THEY'D GET WITHIN GRABBING DISTANCE...
BUT, THEY TOOK OFF, INSTEAD!


WHEW! JUDGING BY THE WAY MY HEAD FEELS, IT'S JUST AS WELL FOR ME THAT THEY DID!
IF THAT SHOCK TREATMENT OF ELECTRO'S HAD HIT ME FULL BLAST, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN "TA, TA, HORNHEAD!"

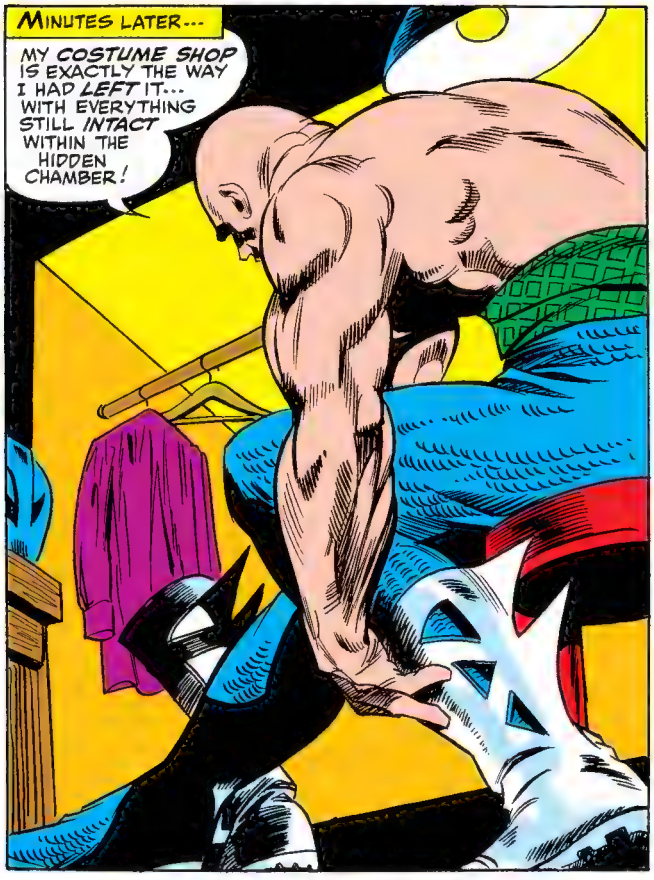
IN FACT, EVEN THOUGH IT ONLY GRAZED ME, I STILL FEEL WOOZY!
BUT, I'VE GOTTA SNAP OUT OF IT... AND FAST!
NO TELLING WHEN I'LL FACE THEM AGAIN!
WHICH IS WHAT ELECTRO WANTS ME TO WORRY ABOUT!


WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
WHY CAN'T I SHAKE THIS DIZZY FEELING?
GOTTA CLEAR MY HEAD! MAYBE SOME FAST CABLE SWINGING WILL DO THE TRICK!
IT'S NO GOOD! MY TIMING'S OFF!
MY SENSES ARE KEEN AS EVER--- I KNOW WHERE I AM... WHAT I SHOULD DO---
BUT... I CAN'T MANAGE TO DO IT!
MISSED MY HAND HOLD... I'M FALLING!!
THERE'S A ROOF... DIRECTLY BELOW ME.. BUT IT'S TOO CLOSE...
NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO SPIN MY WHOLE BODY AROUND!!
I'M GONNA LAND... HEAD FIRST..!
ONLY ONE CHANCE---
MY HAND!! PUT IT BETWEEN MY FACE---AND THE ROOF..!
IT'LL... CUSHION THE BLOW!!
UNHHH!!
THUD!

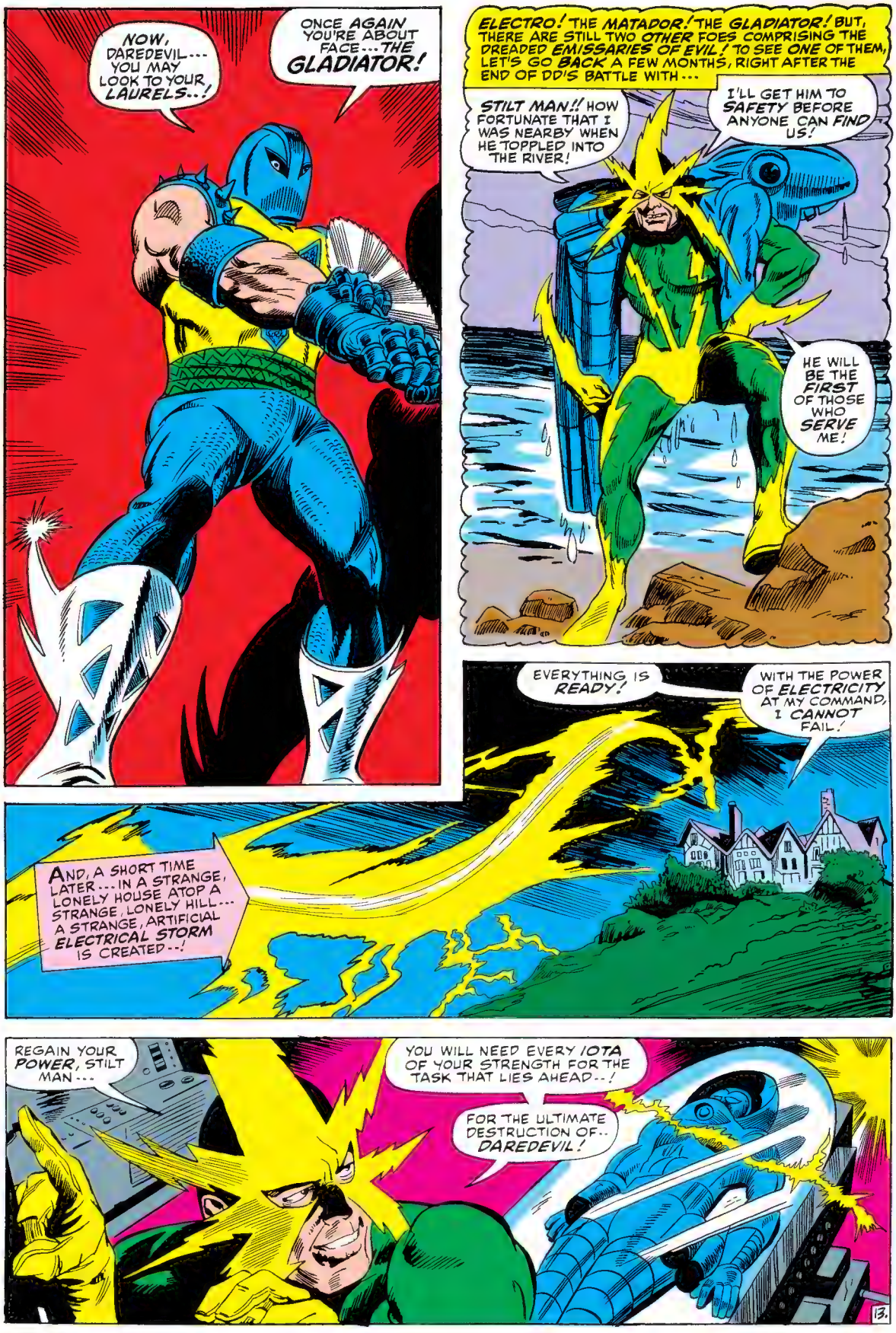

THEN, LONG TORTUROUS MOMENTS LATER...
EVERY BONE IN MY BODY... ACHING..!
BUT.. I GUESS I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN.. I'M LUCKY... TO BE ALIVE!
GOOD THING.. I SPENT ALL THAT TIME... PRACTICING PRATTFALLS... AND TUMBLING!
WELL, THERE'S ONE THING FOR SURE...
TILL FURTHER NOTICE, I'M STAYING AWAY FROM ROOFTOPS..!
IT MAY NOT QUALIFY ME FOR HERO OF THE WEEK, BUT...
TONIGHT, I'M WALKING HOME!
LUCKY IT'S LATE AND THE STREETS ARE DARK...
I WOULDN'T WANT ANYONE TO SEE DAREDEVIL COMING IN THE BACK DOOR OF MATT MURDOCK'S LITTLE HIDEAWAY!
AND NOW, I'VE GOT A LOT OF HEAVY THINKING TO DO..!
CAN'T RELAX FOR A MINUTE TILL I FIGURE OUT WHO THE OTHER EMISSARIES OF EVIL ARE!

PERHAPS DAREDEVIL'S PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED A BIT SOONER IF HE COULD LOOK INSIDE OF A PRIVATE, CHARTERED JET SPEEDILY WINGING ITS WAY ACROSS THE WIDE ATLANTIC...
I ALWAYS THOUGHT ELECTRO WAS JUST A LEGEND...BUT NOW I KNOW HE REALLY EXISTS!
HE MUST WANT ME PRETTY BAD FOR HIM TO CONTACT THE MAGGIA, ALL THE WAY IN EUROPE, IN ORDER TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME!
BUT, HIS PROPOSITION INTERESTED ME! I CANNOT RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY TO FACE DAREDEVIL ONCE MORE...AND THIS TIME EMERGE TRIUMPHANT!

EVEN THOUGH HE SPARED MY LIFE LAST TIME WE MET, THE MEMORY OF MY DEFEAT HAS EVER RANKLED ME!*
BUT NEXT TIME THE RESULT IS CERTAIN TO BE DIFFERENT!
*IT WOULD RANKLE US, TOO, IF WE THOUGHT FOR ONE SINGLE MINUTE THAT YOU HAD MISSED THAT YARN IN THE NOW OUT-OF-PRINT DD#23... STRAIGHT-FORWARD STAN.


MINUTES LATER...
MY COSTUME SHOP IS EXACTLY THE WAY I HAD LEFT IT... WITH EVERYTHING STILL INTACT WITHIN THE HIDDEN CHAMBER!

THIS TIME MY COSTUME WILL BE BRAND NEW...
WITH EVERY MIGHTY FACET OF IT MORE DEADLY THAN BEFORE!
CLICK!


NOW, DAREDEVIL--- YOU MAY LOOK TO YOUR LAURELS..!
ONCE AGAIN YOU'RE ABOUT FACE---THE GLADIATOR!
ELECTRO! THE MATADOR! THE GLADIATOR! BUT, THERE ARE STILL TWO OTHER FOES COMPRISING THE DREADED EMISSARIES OF EVIL! TO SEE ONE OF THEM, LET'S GO BACK A FEW MONTHS, RIGHT AFTER THE END OF DD'S BATTLE WITH ---
STILT MAN!! HOW FORTUNATE THAT I WAS NEARBY WHEN HE TOPPLED INTO THE RIVER!
I'LL GET HIM TO SAFETY BEFORE ANYONE CAN FIND US!
HE WILL BE THE FIRST OF THOSE WHO SERVE ME!
EVERYTHING IS READY!
WITH THE POWER OF ELECTRICITY AT MY COMMAND, I CANNOT FAIL!
AND, A SHORT TIME LATER--- IN A STRANGE, LONELY HOUSE ATOP A STRANGE, LONELY HILL--- A STRANGE, ARTIFICIAL ELECTRICAL STORM IS CREATED--!
REGAIN YOUR POWER, STILT MAN---
YOU WILL NEED EVERY IOTA OF YOUR STRENGTH FOR THE TASK THAT LIES AHEAD--!
FOR THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION OF.. DAREDEVIL!
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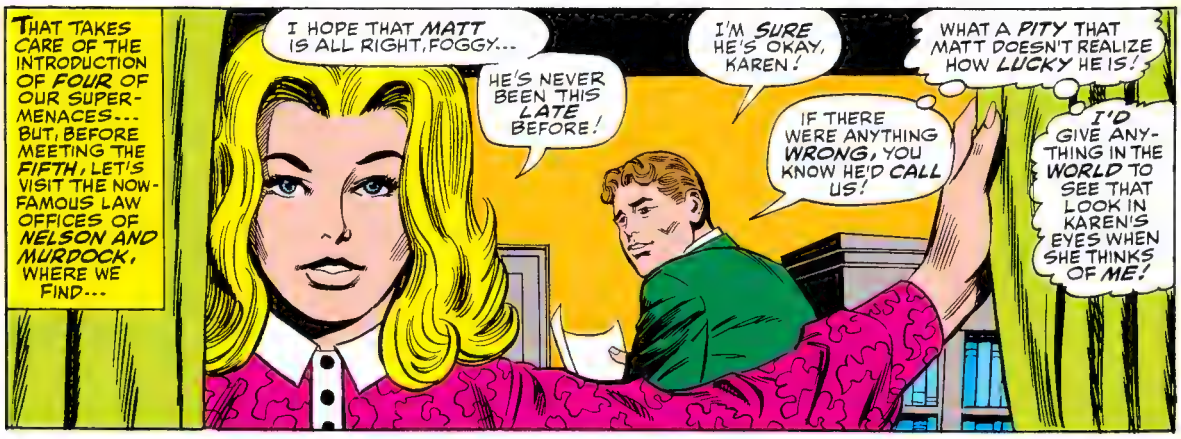
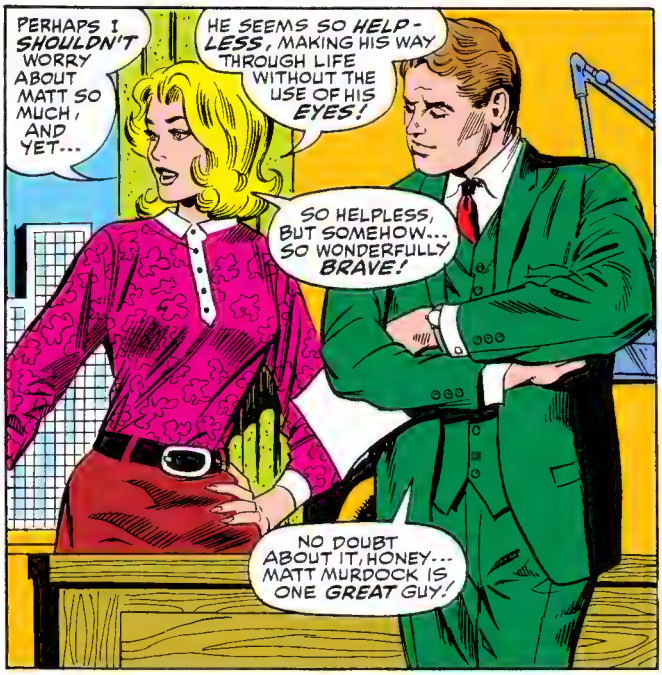

THAT TAKES CARE OF THE INTRODUCTION OF FOUR OF OUR SUPER-MENACES... BUT, BEFORE MEETING THE FIFTH, LET'S VISIT THE NOW-FAMOUS LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, WHERE WE FIND...
I HOPE THAT MATT IS ALL RIGHT, FOGGY...
HE'S NEVER BEEN THIS LATE BEFORE!
I'M SURE HE'S OKAY, KAREN!
IF THERE WERE ANYTHING WRONG, YOU KNOW HE'D CALL US!
WHAT A PITY THAT MATT DOESN'T REALIZE HOW LUCKY HE IS!
I'D GIVE ANY-THING IN THE WORLD TO SEE THAT LOOK IN KAREN'S EYES WHEN SHE THINKS OF ME!


PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT MATT SO MUCH, AND YET...
HE SEEMS SO HELP-LESS, MAKING HIS WAY THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT THE USE OF HIS EYES!
SO HELPLESS, BUT SOMEHOW... SO WONDERFULLY BRAVE!
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, HONEY... MATT MURDOCK IS ONE GREAT GUY!

AND I MUST ADMIT, I'M GETTING A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT HIM MYSELF!
MAYBE WE OUGHT TO JUST GIVE HIM A RING.. AT HOME--!

BUT, BEFORE THEY CAN REACH FOR THE PHONE...
RR-RING!
MAYBE THAT'S HIM!

KAREN? THIS IS MATT! SORRY I DIDN'T CALL SOONER, BUT I..EH-- OVERSLEPT!
JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW I WON'T BE IN TODAY!
NO, EVERY-THING'S ALL RIGHT..!
I'VE JUST GOT A FEW PERSONAL MATTERS TO ATTEND TO!
HOLD DOWN THE FORT, LADY! I'LL BE IN BRIGHT AND EARLY TOMORROW!
I HOPE!

A FEW SECONDS AFTER PUTTING DOWN THE PHONE, THE SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER WASTES NO TIME IN GETTING HIMSELF BACK TO HIS PEAK FIGHTING FORM..!
A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP WAS ALL I NEEDED!
I FEEL LIKE I COULD TACKLE A REGIMENT NOW IF I HAD TO!!
AND WITH ELECTRO AND HIS PLAYMATES VOTING ME THEIR TARGET FOR TONIGHT, I JUST MAY HAVE TO!

THUS, FOR THE NEXT FEW HOURS, IN HOMES AND OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, THIS SOMEWHAT SOUL-STIRRING CRY RINGS OUT...
LOOK! THERE'S DAREDEVIL... SWINGING FROM THE ROOFTOPS ABOVE US!!
WHAT WITH HIM.. AND SPIDER-MAN... AND THOR.. AND THE HUMAN TORCH ...AND ALL THE OTHER COSTUMED CATS AROUND HERE...
...WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP THE SHADES DOWN TO GET ANY WORK DONE IN THIS TOWN!

BUT, DD HAS FAR WEIGHTIER MATTERS THAN SHADE-PULLING TO WORRY ABOUT..
ALL I CAN DO IS KEEP SHOWING MYSELF--AND WAIT FOR THE FIRST ATTACK!
I'LL START AT THE DOCKS, AND WORK MY WAY ACROSS TOWN!

THEN, A FEW MINUTES LATER...
MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT! HE JUST SWUNG PAST ME!
YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW I'M LEAVING YOU NOW!
THIS IS YOUR PAYMENT FOR ALLOWING ME TO HIDE UPON YOUR BOAT AS I WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT!

DAREDEVIL IS MOVING SLOWLY... AS THOUGH HE WANTS TO BE DISCOVERED!
WELL, THE MATADOR SHALL SEE TO IT THAT HE IS NOT DIS-APPOINTED!
IF ANY OF ELECTRO'S LITTLE FUN BOYS ARE NEARBY, THEY MUST HAVE SEEN ME BY NOW!
I'LL GIVE THEM ANOTHER FEW MINUTES TO SHOW UP BEFORE I TAKE OFF AGAIN!
MAYBE IT'S TOO LIGHT FOR THEM HERE!
I'LL HEAD FOR THE LOWER SECTION OF THE DOCKS... WHERE IT'S DARKER... MORE SHADOWY!
AHH! THE SETTING IS MADE-TO-ORDER!
WHAT A TOWERING TRIUMPH THIS SHALL BE FOR THE MATADOR!
WELL, LOOKY HERE! SOMEONE TOSSED A CAPE AT LITTLE ME!
HE THINKS I'LL BE HELPLESS ...WITH MY EYES COVERED UP!
IF HE ONLY KNEW--!!
THANKS, MATTY! IT WAS GETTING KINDA CHILLY HERE!
SO! YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS, EH?
SURE! WHO ELSE WOULD CARRY AN OVERGROWN HANKY ALL OVER TOWN?
THOK!
DON'T BOTHER ANSWERING!
--I HATE LONG CONVERSATIONS!
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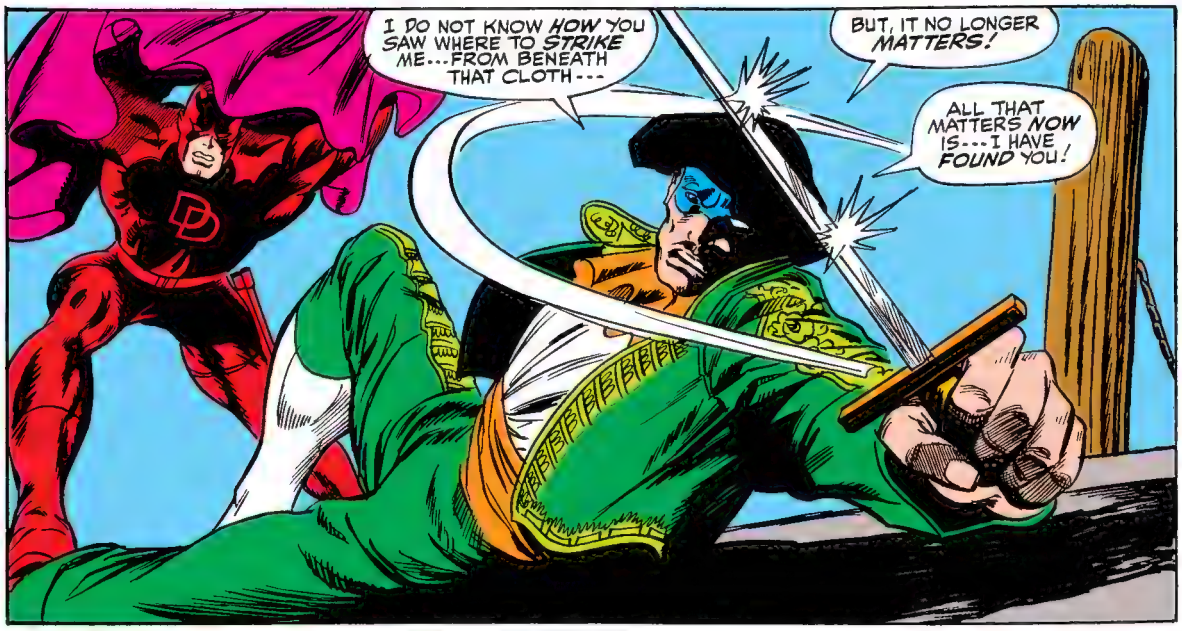
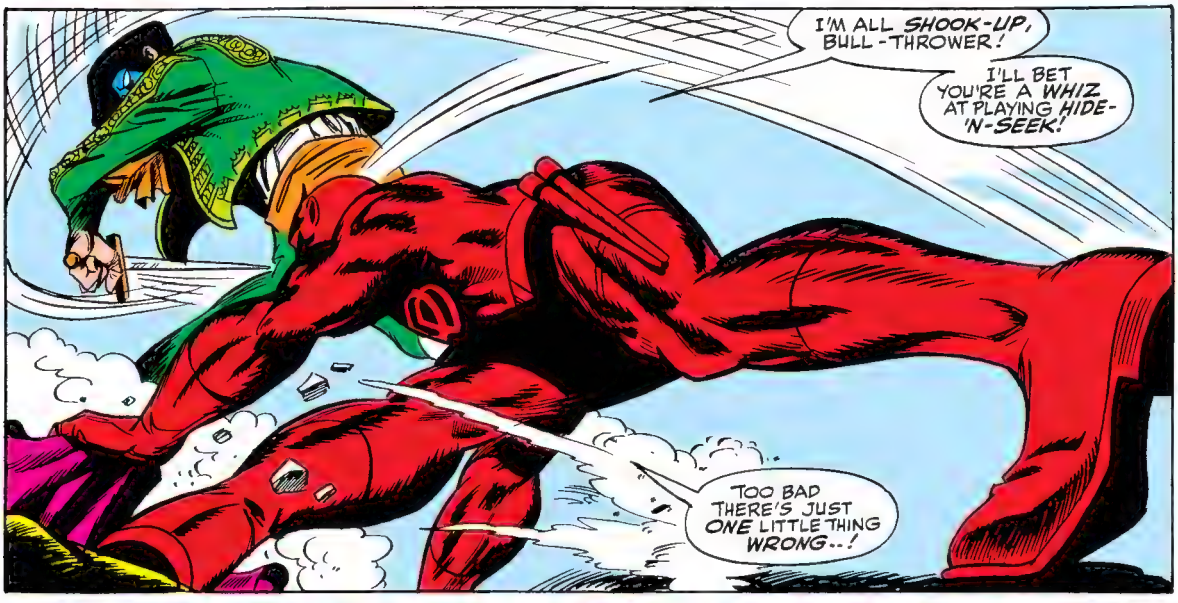
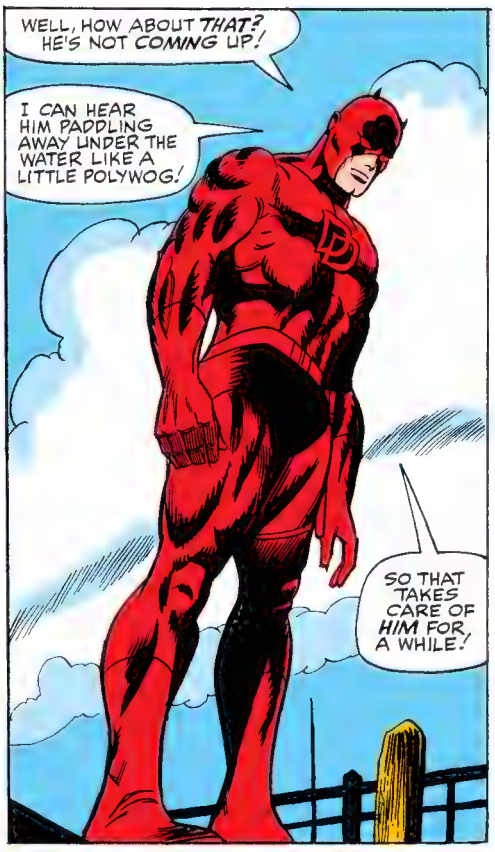

I DO NOT KNOW *HOW* YOU SAW WHERE TO *STRIKE* ME---FROM BENEATH THAT CLOTH---
BUT, IT NO LONGER *MATTERS!*
ALL THAT MATTERS *NOW* IS---I HAVE *FOUND* YOU!


I'M ALL *SHOOK-UP*, BULL-THROWER!
I'LL BET YOU'RE A *WHIZ* AT PLAYING *HIDE-'N-SEEK!*
TOO BAD THERE'S JUST *ONE* LITTLE THING *WRONG*..!

BOK!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO *DO* WITH A FELLA AFTER YOU'VE *FOUND* 'IM!

CARAMBA!!
I HAVE DEFEATED THE MOST DEADLY TOROS IN A THOUSAND BULL-FIGHTS!
SAVE YOUR BREATH, BUDDY--I'M NO BOOKING AGENT!
YOU CAN SHOW ME YOUR SCRAP-BOOK SOME DAY!
STILL YOU MOCK ME!!
STILL YOU DARE TAUNT THE GREATEST MATADOR OF ALL TIME!!
SURE! THINK OF MY REPUTATION--!
THEY WOULDN'T CALL ME DAREDEVIL IF I CHICKENED OUT!
--AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO CHANGE MY NAME NOW--
AFTER ALL THE MONEY I SPENT GETTING MY T-SHIRTS MONOGRAMMED!
WE'RE RIGHT AT THE EDGE OF THE PIER!
IF I CAN JUST GRAB A HANDHOLD--- AND THEN SUDDENLY SHIFT MY WEIGHT TO ONE SIDE--!
NOW, DAREDEVIL-- YOU WILL FEEL MY BLADE--- FOR THE LAST TIME!
WANNA BET??
SPLASH!

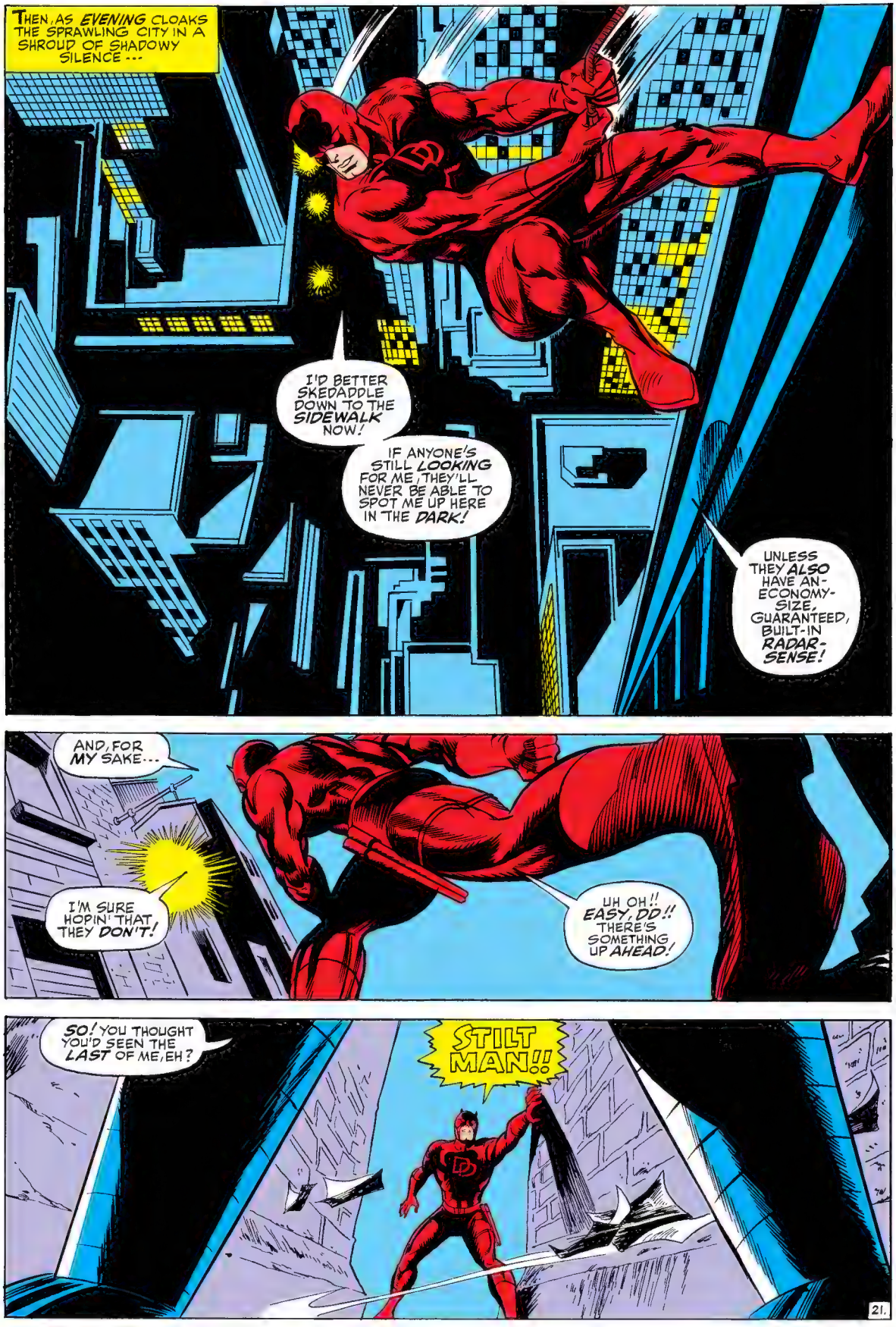
NO SENSE GOING IN AFTER HIM! I'LL WAIT TILL HE COMES UP!


WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT? HE'S NOT COMING UP!
I CAN HEAR HIM PADDLING AWAY UNDER THE WATER LIKE A LITTLE POLYWOG!
SO THAT TAKES CARE OF HIM FOR A WHILE!

HEY! DID YOU GET A LOAD OF THAT?
DAREDEVIL POLISHED THAT BOZO OFF WITHOUT EVEN TAKIN' A DEEP BREATH!
MAN! LOOK AT THOSE MUSCLES!! WHAT A DOCK-WALLOPER HE'D MAKE!!

SOUNDS LIKE A CROWD'S BEGINNING TO GATHER --- SO I'D BETTER TAKE OFF!
I'VE A FEELING THAT WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!

THIS TIME I'LL HEAD FOR THE CENTER OF TOWN AND SEE WHAT TURNS UP!
IN A WAY, I FEEL LIKE ONE OF THE CLAY PIGEONS IN A SHOOTING GALLERY!
BUT THERE'S ONE LITTLE DIFFERENCE...
THIS CLAY PIGEON CAN FIGHT BACK!
AND, SPEAKING OF FIGHTING BACK...
SKRAK!
A FELLA CAN'T DO HIS BEST FIGHTING ON AN EMPTY STOMACH!..
AND I HAVEN'T EATEN FOR HOURS!
THAK!
THESE LITTLE NUTRIMENT CAPSULES AREN'T EXACTLY A DINNER AT THE RITZ...
BUT IT'S EASIER THAN TRYING TO ENTER A RESTAURANT UNNOTICED IN THIS GETUP!
AND I DON'T HAVETA WORRY ABOUT WASHING OUT THE GRAVY STAINS!


THEN, AS EVENING CLOAKS THE SPRAWLING CITY IN A SHROUD OF SHADOWY SILENCE ---
I'D BETTER SKEDADDLE DOWN TO THE SIDEWALK NOW!
IF ANYONE'S STILL LOOKING FOR ME, THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO SPOT ME UP HERE IN THE DARK!
UNLESS THEY ALSO HAVE AN-ECONOMY-SIZE, GUARANTEED, BUILT-IN RADAR-SENSE!
AND, FOR MY SAKE---
I'M SURE HOPIN' THAT THEY DON'T!
UH OH!! EASY, DD!! THERE'S SOMETHING UP AHEAD!
SO! YOU THOUGHT YOU'D SEEN THE LAST OF ME, EH?
STILT MAN!!
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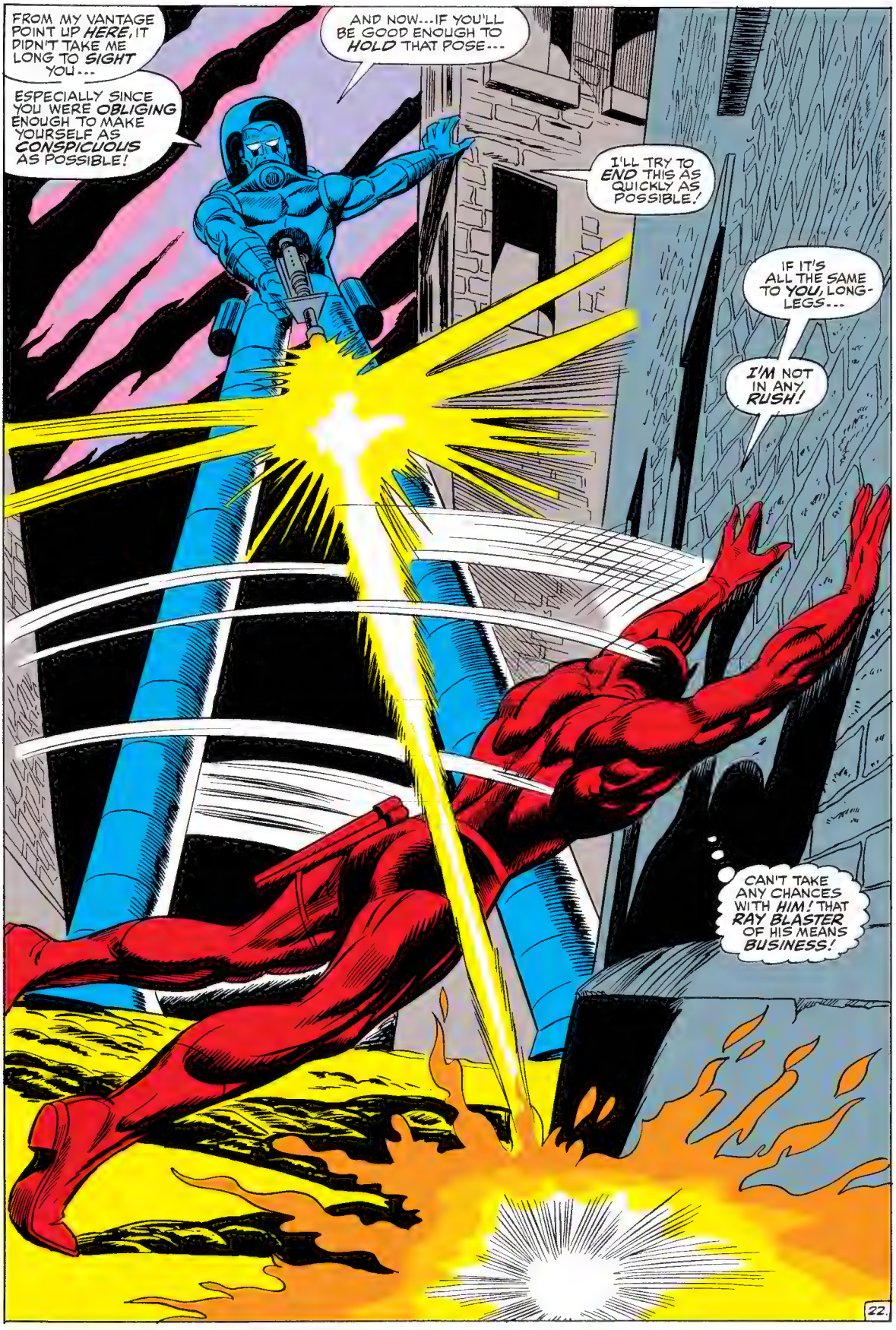
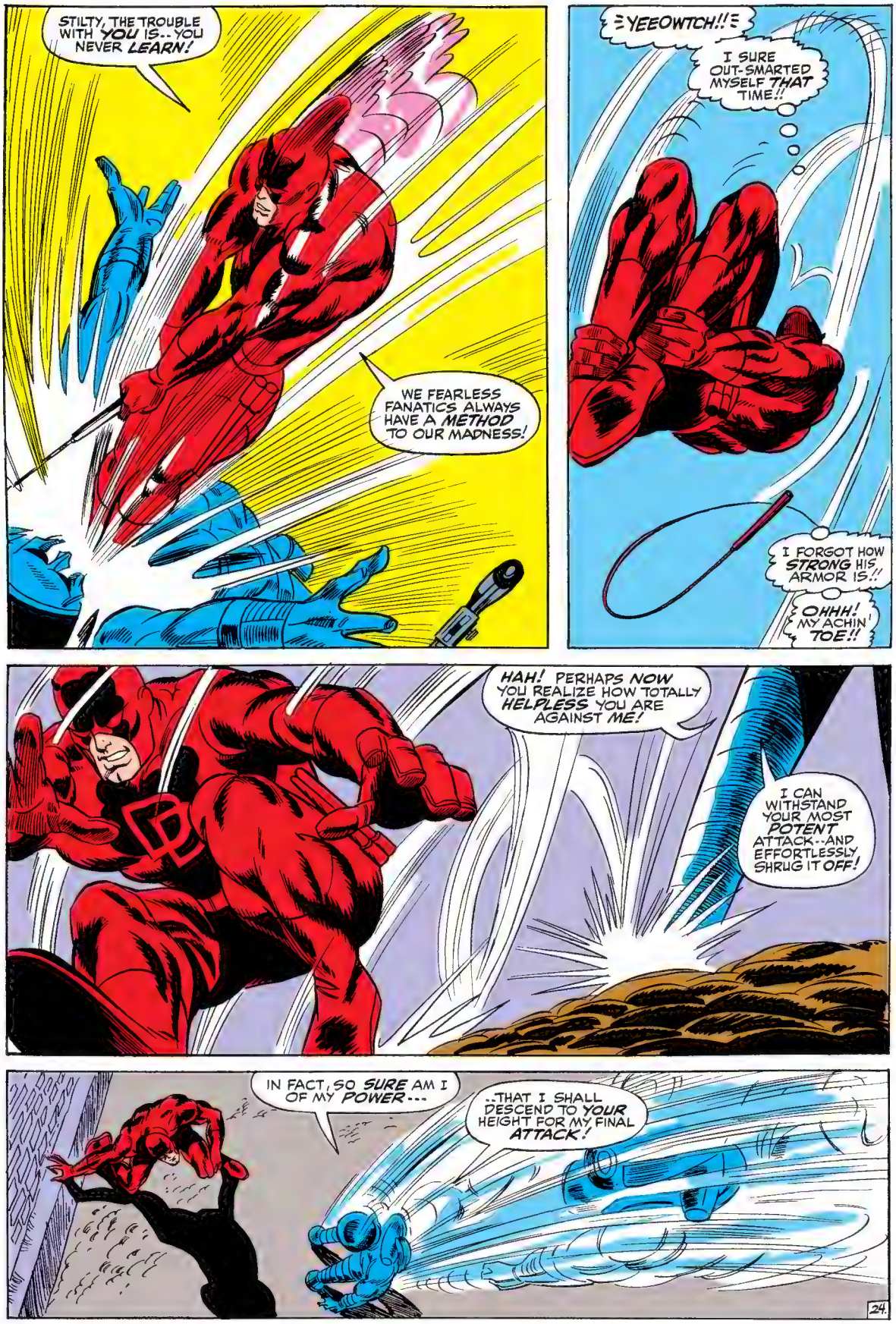
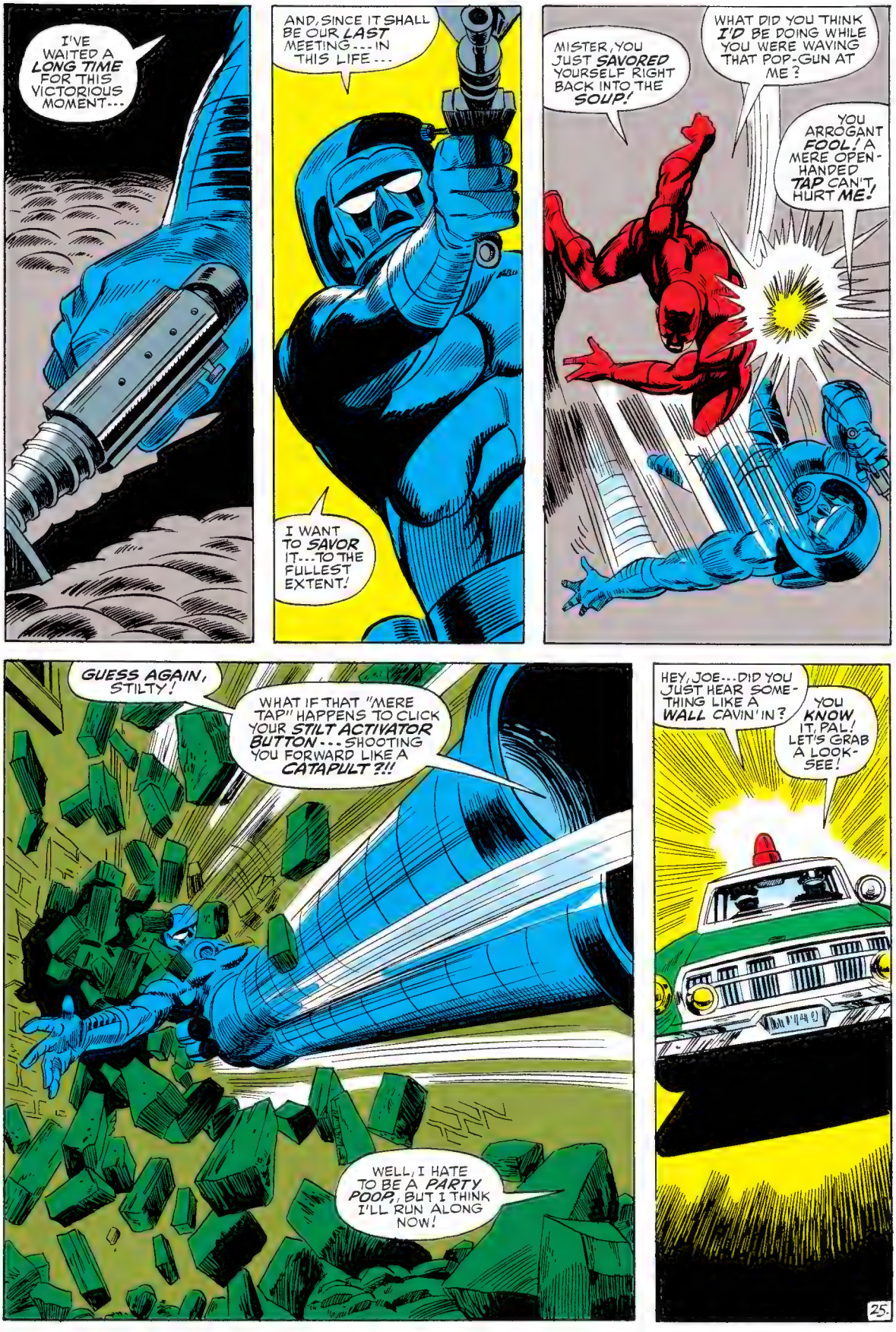
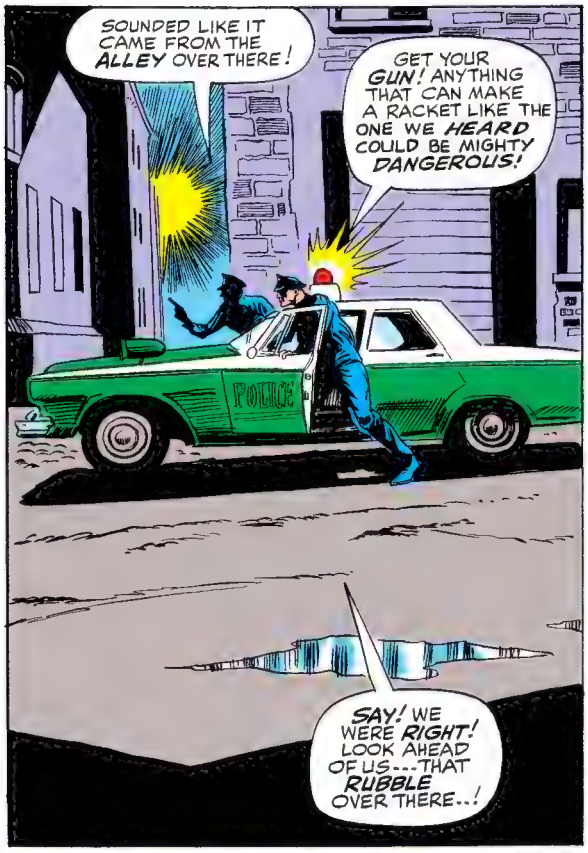
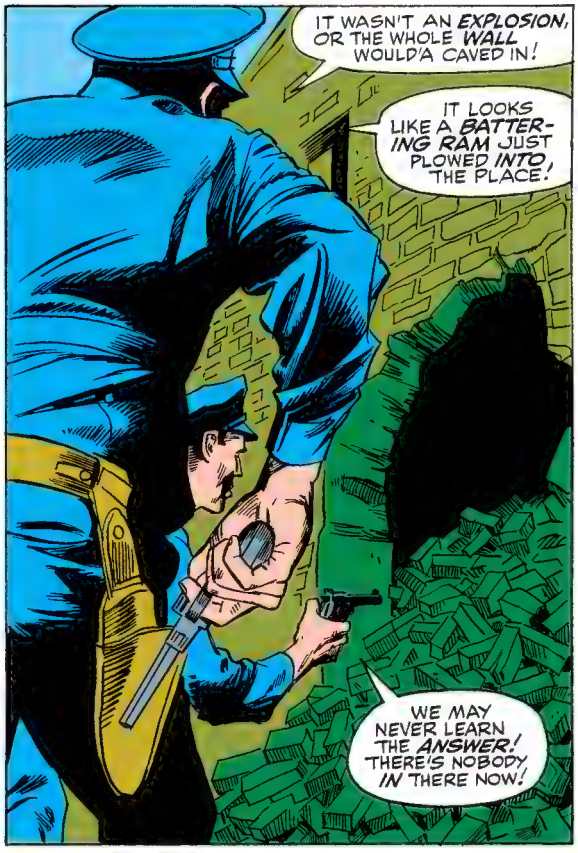

FROM MY VANTAGE POINT UP *HERE*, IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO *SIGHT* YOU---
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU WERE *OBLIGING* ENOUGH TO MAKE YOURSELF AS *CONSPICUOUS* AS POSSIBLE!
AND NOW---IF YOU'LL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO *HOLD* THAT POSE---
I'LL TRY TO *END* THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!
IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO *YOU*, LONG-LEGS---
I'M NOT IN ANY *RUSH!*
CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH *HIM!* THAT *RAY BLASTER* OF HIS MEANS *BUSINESS!*

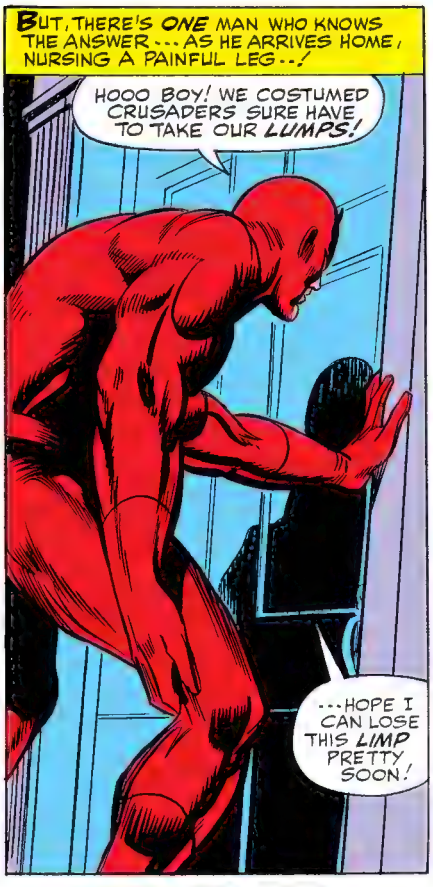
ARE YOU BEGGING FOR A ONE-WAY TICKET TO THE HOOSEGOW ON YOUR OWN..?
OR ARE YOU STOOGING FOR ELECTRO--- LIKE THE OTHERS?
I'VE TEAMED UP WITH ELECTRO..BUT STILT MAN IS NO-BODY'S STOOGE!
AS YOU WILL SEE.. WHEN I FIRE MY SECOND SHOT!
I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, BIG BOY! YOUR FIRING DAYS ARE OVER!
YOU DIDN'T THINK I TOSSED MY CABLE JUST FOR PITCHING PRACTICE, DID YOU?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHY YOU DID IT---!
WHIRLING AROUND ME LIKE A GRINNING GORILLA CAN'T DO YOU ANY GOOD!
BITE YOUR TONGUE, TALL MAN!
IF NOTHING ELSE, IT MIGHT HELP ME SHAKE MY HICCUPS!
FOOL! YOU CAN'T GO IN CIRCLES FOREVER!
YOU'VE GOT TO STOP SOME TIME.. AND WHEN YOU DO---
I'LL FINISH YOU..FOREVER!


STILTY, THE TROUBLE WITH YOU IS--YOU NEVER LEARN!
WE FEARLESS FANATICS ALWAYS HAVE A METHOD TO OUR MADNESS!
YEEOWTCH!!
I SURE OUT-SMARTED MYSELF THAT TIME!!
I FORGOT HOW STRONG HIS ARMOR IS!!
OHHH! MY ACHIN' TOE!!
HAH! PERHAPS NOW YOU REALIZE HOW TOTALLY HELPLESS YOU ARE AGAINST ME!
I CAN WITHSTAND YOUR MOST POTENT ATTACK--AND EFFORTLESSLY SHRUG IT OFF!
IN FACT, SO SURE AM I OF MY POWER---
..THAT I SHALL DESCEND TO YOUR HEIGHT FOR MY FINAL ATTACK!


I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS VICTORIOUS MOMENT---
AND, SINCE IT SHALL BE OUR LAST MEETING---IN THIS LIFE---
I WANT TO SAVOR IT---TO THE FULLEST EXTENT!
MISTER, YOU JUST SAVORED YOURSELF RIGHT BACK INTO THE SOUP!
WHAT DID YOU THINK I'D BE DOING WHILE YOU WERE WAVING THAT POP-GUN AT ME?
YOU ARROGANT FOOL! A MERE OPEN-HANDED TAP CAN'T HURT ME!
GUESS AGAIN, STILTY!
WHAT IF THAT "MERE TAP" HAPPENS TO CLICK YOUR STILT ACTIVATOR BUTTON---SHOOTING YOU FORWARD LIKE A CATAPULT?!!
WELL, I HATE TO BE A PARTY POOP, BUT I THINK I'LL RUN ALONG NOW!
HEY, JOE---DID YOU JUST HEAR SOMETHING LIKE A WALL CAVIN' IN?
YOU KNOW IT, PAL! LET'S GRAB A LOOK-SEE!

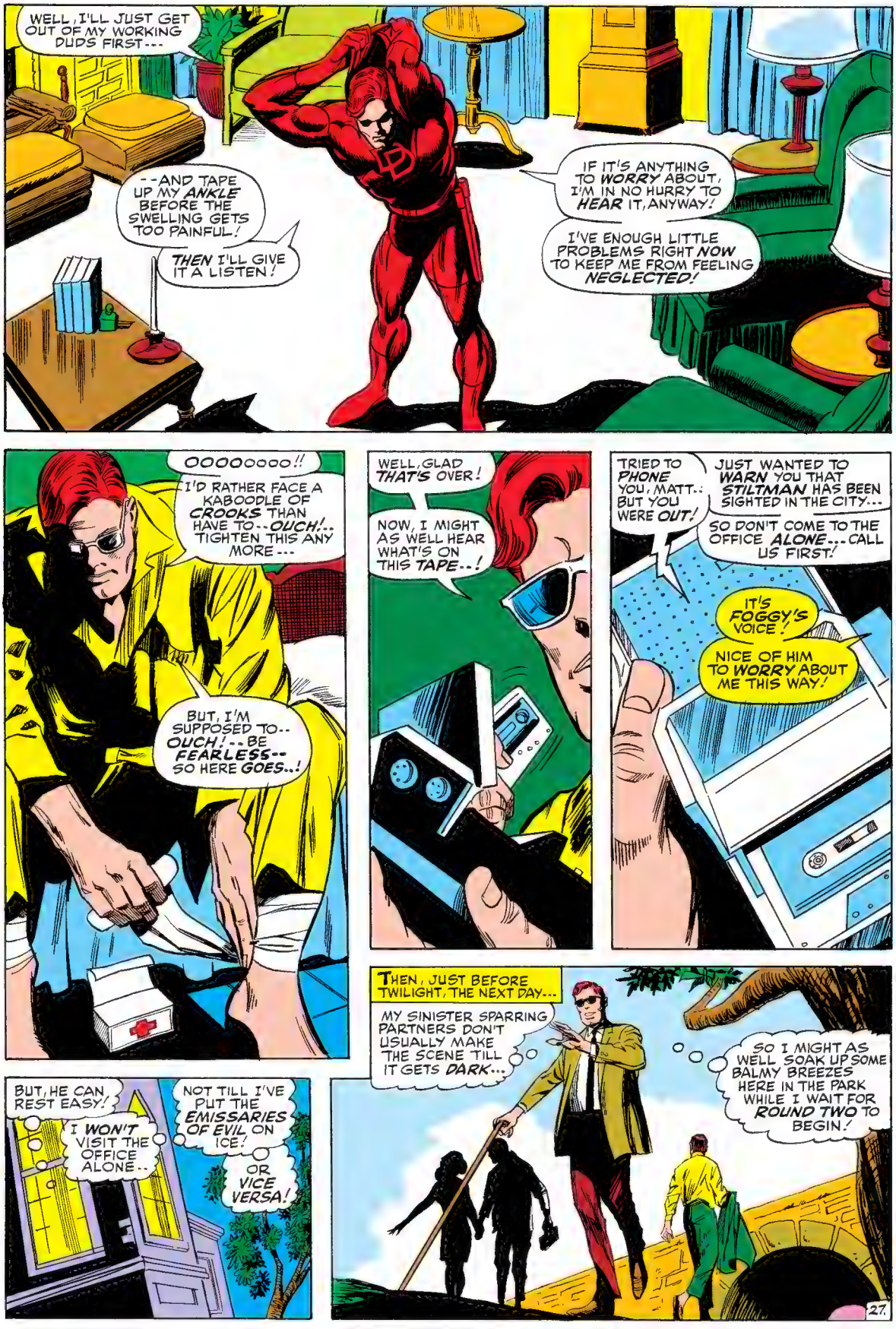

SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM THE ALLEY OVER THERE!
GET YOUR GUN! ANYTHING THAT CAN MAKE A RACKET LIKE THE ONE WE HEARD COULD BE MIGHTY DANGEROUS!
POLICE
SAY! WE WERE RIGHT! LOOK AHEAD OF US---THAT RUBBLE OVER THERE--!


IT WASN'T AN EXPLOSION, OR THE WHOLE WALL WOULD'A CAVED IN!
IT LOOKS LIKE A BATTERING RAM JUST PLOWED INTO THE PLACE!
WE MAY NEVER LEARN THE ANSWER! THERE'S NOBODY IN THERE NOW!

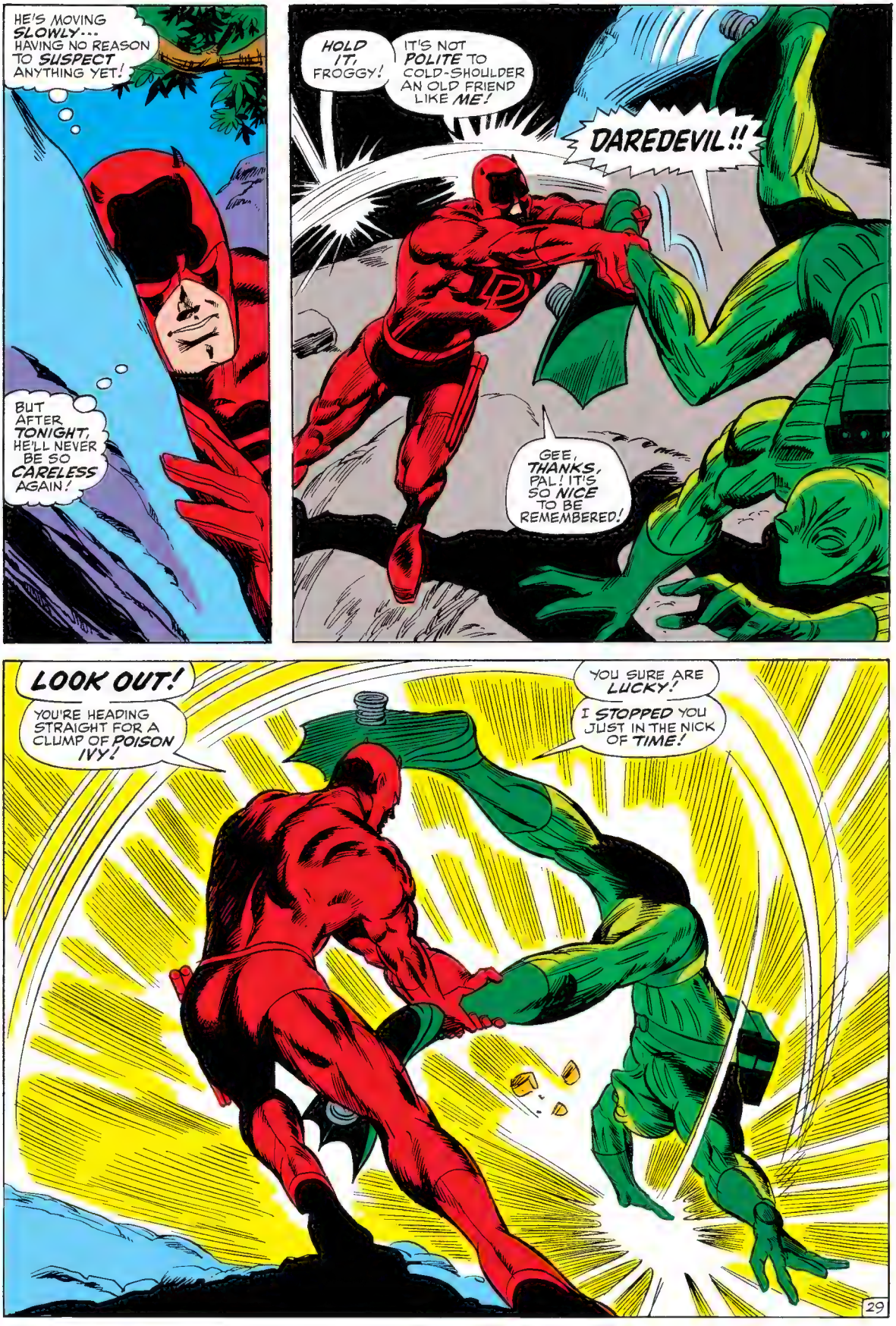

BUT, THERE'S ONE MAN WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER---AS HE ARRIVES HOME, NURSING A PAINFUL LEG--!
HOOO BOY! WE COSTUMED CRUSADERS SURE HAVE TO TAKE OUR LUMPS!
---HOPE I CAN LOSE THIS LIMP PRETTY SOON!

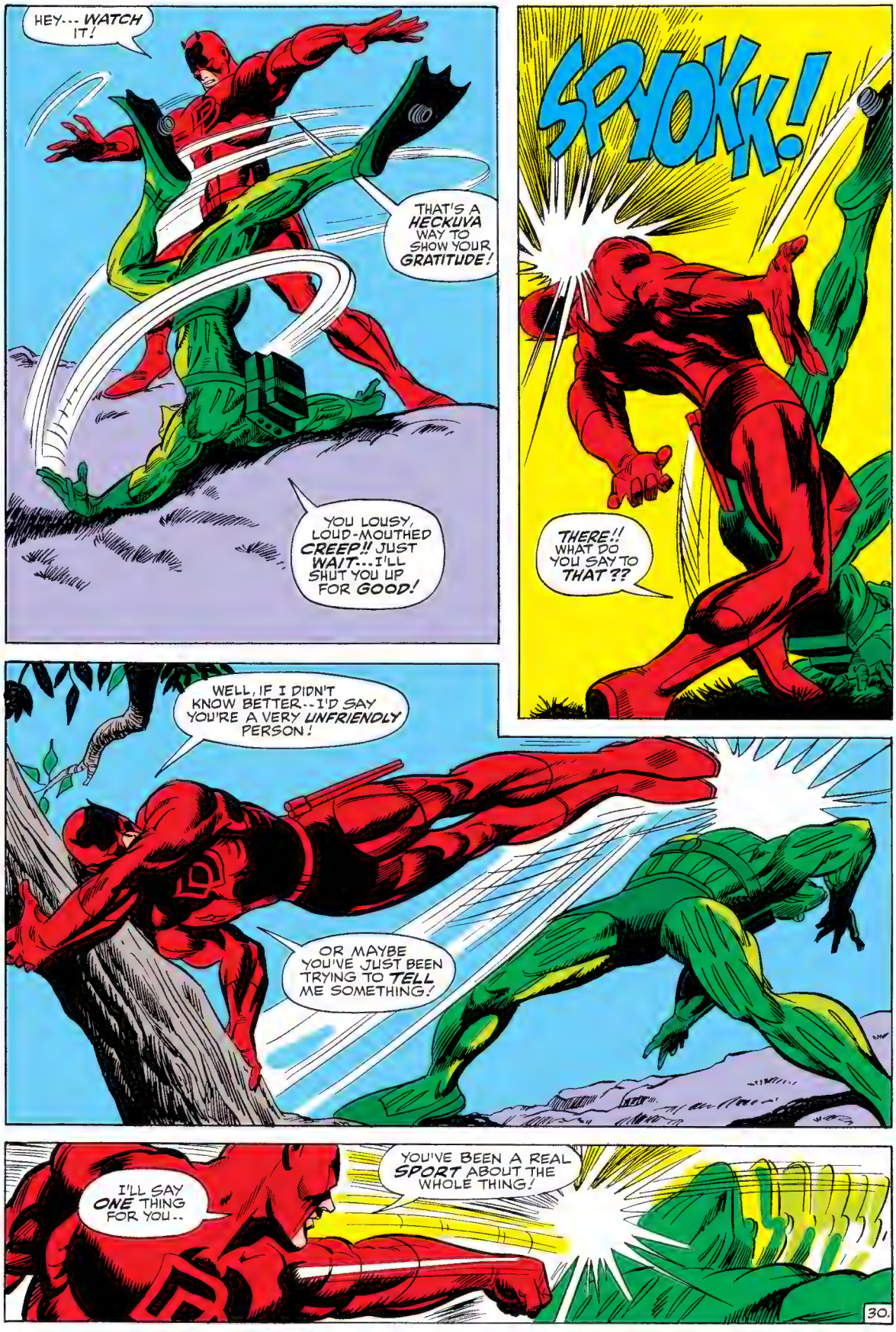
SOMETHING ON THE FLOOR---A SMALL BOX!
WHATEVER IT IS, I KNOW I DIDN'T LEAVE IT THERE!
FIN-EST RECORDING TAPE
I'D BETTER GIVE IT THE ONCE-OVER!

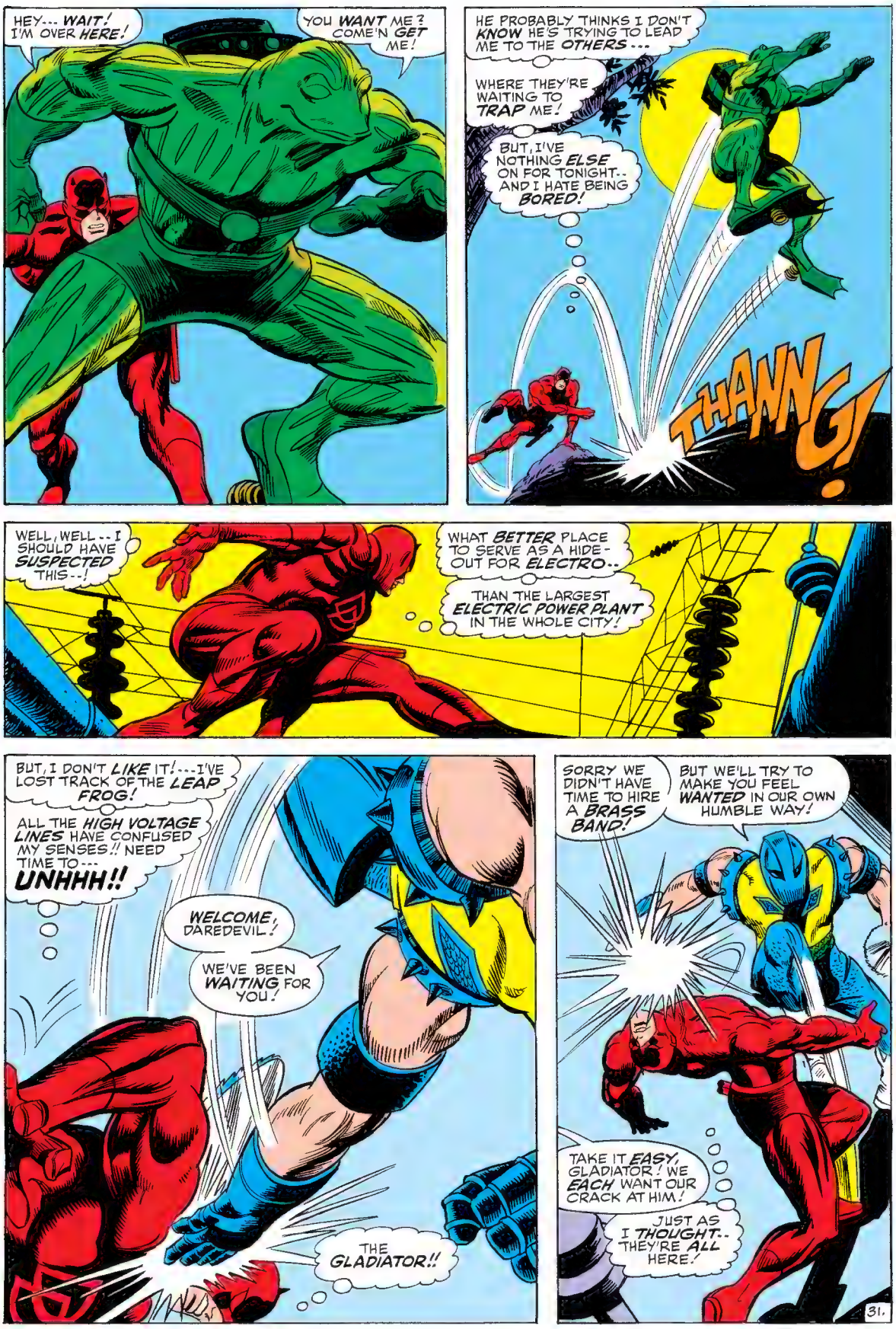
FEELS LIKE THE KIND OF BOX THAT RECORDING TAPE IS PACKAGED IN---!
IT COULD BE A MESSAGE FROM FOGGY--OR KAREN!
FIN-EST RECORDING


WELL, I'LL JUST GET OUT OF MY WORKING DUDS FIRST---
--AND TAPE UP MY ANKLE BEFORE THE SWELLING GETS TOO PAINFUL!
THEN I'LL GIVE IT A LISTEN!
IF IT'S ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, I'M IN NO HURRY TO HEAR IT, ANYWAY!
I'VE ENOUGH LITTLE PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW TO KEEP ME FROM FEELING NEGLECTED!
OOOOOOOO!!
I'D RATHER FACE A KABOODLE OF CROOKS THAN HAVE TO--OUCH!-- TIGHTEN THIS ANY MORE---
BUT, I'M SUPPOSED TO-- OUCH!--BE FEARLESS-- SO HERE GOES..!
WELL, GLAD THAT'S OVER!
NOW, I MIGHT AS WELL HEAR WHAT'S ON THIS TAPE--!
TRIED TO PHONE YOU, MATT--: BUT YOU WERE OUT!
JUST WANTED TO WARN YOU THAT STILTMAN HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN THE CITY---
SO DON'T COME TO THE OFFICE ALONE---CALL US FIRST!
IT'S FOGGY'S VOICE!
NICE OF HIM TO WORRY ABOUT ME THIS WAY!
THEN, JUST BEFORE TWILIGHT, THE NEXT DAY...
MY SINISTER SPARRING PARTNERS DON'T USUALLY MAKE THE SCENE TILL IT GETS DARK...
SO I MIGHT AS WELL SOAK UP SOME BALMY BREEZES HERE IN THE PARK WHILE I WAIT FOR ROUND TWO TO BEGIN.
BUT, HE CAN REST EASY!
I WON'T VISIT THE OFFICE ALONE--
NOT TILL I'VE PUT THE EMISSARIES OF EVIL ON ICE!
OR VICE VERSA!

MY ANKLE FEELS FINE--- MY RADAR SENSE IS WORKING LIKE A CHARM---AND EVEN MY HAIR TONIC ISN'T GREASY!
ALL I NEED IS KAREN PAGE BESIDE ME, AND--- NOPE! I'VE GOT TO GET OFF THAT KICK!
SOME "MAN WITHOUT FEAR" I AM--!
IT SCARES ME TO EVEN THINK OF THE GIRL I LOVE!
WHAT MATT MURDOCK DOES THINK ABOUT FOR THE NEXT FEW MINUTES WILL EVER REMAIN HIS OWN SECRET! AFTER ALL, WE'RE NOT MIND-READERS!
HOWEVER, WITH THE FALL OF DARKNESS, A NEW EVENT OCCURS---TO OCCUPY BOTH MATT AND US..!
REMEMBER US TELLING YOU THERE WERE FIVE EMISSARIES OF EVIL? WELL, WE KIDDED THEE NOT! HERE'S THE MISSING ONE--- NONE OTHER THAN THE LOWDOWN, LIGHT-FOOTED LEAP FROG---!
WITH EACH OF US COVERING A DIFFERENT PART OF THE CITY, WE'RE SURE TO SMOKE OUT DAREDEVIL!
AND IT CAN'T BE SOON ENOUGH TO SUIT ME!
I OWE THAT CORNY, CONCEITED CLOWN PLENTY...
AND HE'S GONNA COLLECT IT-- IN SPADES!
THEN, SECONDS LATER---
I CAN'T BE MISTAKEN!!
IT'S THE LEAP FROG!
I'D KNOW HIS FOOTSTEPS ANYWHERE!
HE PASSED RIGHT BY ME--- --ALL HE SAW WAS A BLIND MAN ON A PARK BENCH!
WHICH SUITS ME JUST FINE!
HOWEVER, I WOULDN'T WANT THIS EVENING TO BE A TOTAL WASTE FOR HIM--!
SPECIALLY SINCE DAREDEVIL IS PROBABLY THE ONE HE'S SEEKING!


HE'S MOVING SLOWLY... HAVING NO REASON TO SUSPECT ANYTHING YET!
BUT AFTER TONIGHT, HE'LL NEVER BE SO CARELESS AGAIN!
HOLD IT, FROGGY!
IT'S NOT POLITE TO COLD-SHOULDER AN OLD FRIEND LIKE ME!
DAREDEVIL!!
GEE, THANKS, PAL! IT'S SO NICE TO BE REMEMBERED!
LOOK OUT!
YOU'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR A CLUMP OF POISON IVY!
YOU SURE ARE LUCKY!
I STOPPED YOU JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME!


HEY--- WATCH IT!
THAT'S A HECKUVA WAY TO SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE!
YOU LOUSY, LOUD-MOUTHED CREEP!! JUST WAIT...I'LL SHUT YOU UP FOR GOOD!
SPYOKK!
THERE!! WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT??
WELL, IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER--I'D SAY YOU'RE A VERY UNFRIENDLY PERSON!
OR MAYBE YOU'VE JUST BEEN TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING!
I'LL SAY ONE THING FOR YOU..
YOU'VE BEEN A REAL SPORT ABOUT THE WHOLE THING!


HEY--- WAIT! I'M OVER HERE!
YOU WANT ME? COME'N GET ME!
HE PROBABLY THINKS I DON'T KNOW HE'S TRYING TO LEAD ME TO THE OTHERS ---
WHERE THEY'RE WAITING TO TRAP ME!
BUT, I'VE NOTHING ELSE ON FOR TONIGHT-- AND I HATE BEING BORED!
THANNG!
WELL, WELL -- I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED THIS --!
WHAT BETTER PLACE TO SERVE AS A HIDE-OUT FOR ELECTRO--
THAN THE LARGEST ELECTRIC POWER PLANT IN THE WHOLE CITY!
BUT, I DON'T LIKE IT!---I'VE LOST TRACK OF THE LEAP FROG!
ALL THE HIGH VOLTAGE LINES HAVE CONFUSED MY SENSES!! NEED TIME TO--- UNHHH!!
WELCOME, DAREDEVIL!
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
THE GLADIATOR!!
SORRY WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO HIRE A BRASS BAND!
BUT WE'LL TRY TO MAKE YOU FEEL WANTED IN OUR OWN HUMBLE WAY!
TAKE IT EASY, GLADIATOR! WE EACH WANT OUR CRACK AT HIM!
JUST AS I THOUGHT-- THEY'RE ALL HERE!

STAND ASIDE, GENTLEMEN!..
ELECTRO WILL TACKLE HIM NEXT!
MY SENSES ARE BEGINNING TO CLEAR--TO CUT THROUGH THE THICK BLANKET OF VOLTAGE!
MANAGED TO DODGE HIS ELECTRIC BOLT BY A SPLIT-SECOND!
WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
STAY BACK!! ALL OF YOU--!
NOT A CHANCE, MISTER! DAREDEVIL'S TOO SLIPPERY FOR ANY ONE OF US!
WE'RE GONNA TEAR INTO HIM ALL AT ONCE!
THE GLADIATOR'S RIGHT! YOU DON'T TAKE CHANCES WITH ONE SUCH AS HE!
THAT'S ENOUGH TALK---
LET'S GET 'IM!
NOW I'VE GOT ALL FIVE OF THEM PIN-POINTED!
SO HERE GOES NOTHING!
LOOK OUT! HE'S TENSING.. PREPARING TO DO SOME-THING--!
RELAX! WHAT CAN HE--- ≥UNNHHH!≤
WOULDJA BELIEVE A FAST BACK-FLIP?

NOW THAT THE MATADOR SOFTENED YOU UP, BIG MAN---
JUST HOLD THAT POSE--!
I WANNA REMEMBER YOU JUST AS YOU ARE!
THE LEAP FROG--- COMING AT ME FROM BEHIND!
NICE TRY, CROAKY--
UH-OH! NOW STILT-MAN IS ATTACKING!
IF I CAN WHIP OUT MY BILLY CLUB IN TIME--!
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, STILTY--- WAIT YOUR TURN!
FTIK!
AND THAT GOES FOR YOU TOO, YOU HIGH-VOLTAGE HEEL!
HK
GLADIATOR!! HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL YOU--?
THAT ARMOR OF YOURS JUST ISN'T BUILT FOR HIGH-SPEED LEAPING!
WHILE MY LITTLE PLAYSUIT IS DIFFERENT!
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NO MATTER HOW FAST YOU ARE--- NO MATTER HOW AGILE---
NO ONE THAT LIVES CAN LONG RESIST MY SHATTERING ELECTRICAL POWER... NOT EVEN DAREDEVIL!
SIZZT!
I AGREE WITH YOU, ELECTRO!!
WHICH IS WHY I'D JUST AS SOON DUCK... AND LET ONE OF YOUR OTHER GALLOPIN' GOONS TRY A BLAST--- JUST FOR SIZE!
AND, WHILE YOU'RE WAITING TO CHARGE YOURSELF UP AGAIN, I'LL PROVE I DON'T PLAY ANY FAVORITES!
TWO SETS OF FOOTSTEPS.. RUSHING AT ME FROM SEPARATE DIRECTIONS!
SO, I'LL TAKE THE HIGH ROAD... AND LET THEM FIGHT IT OUT!
THOK!
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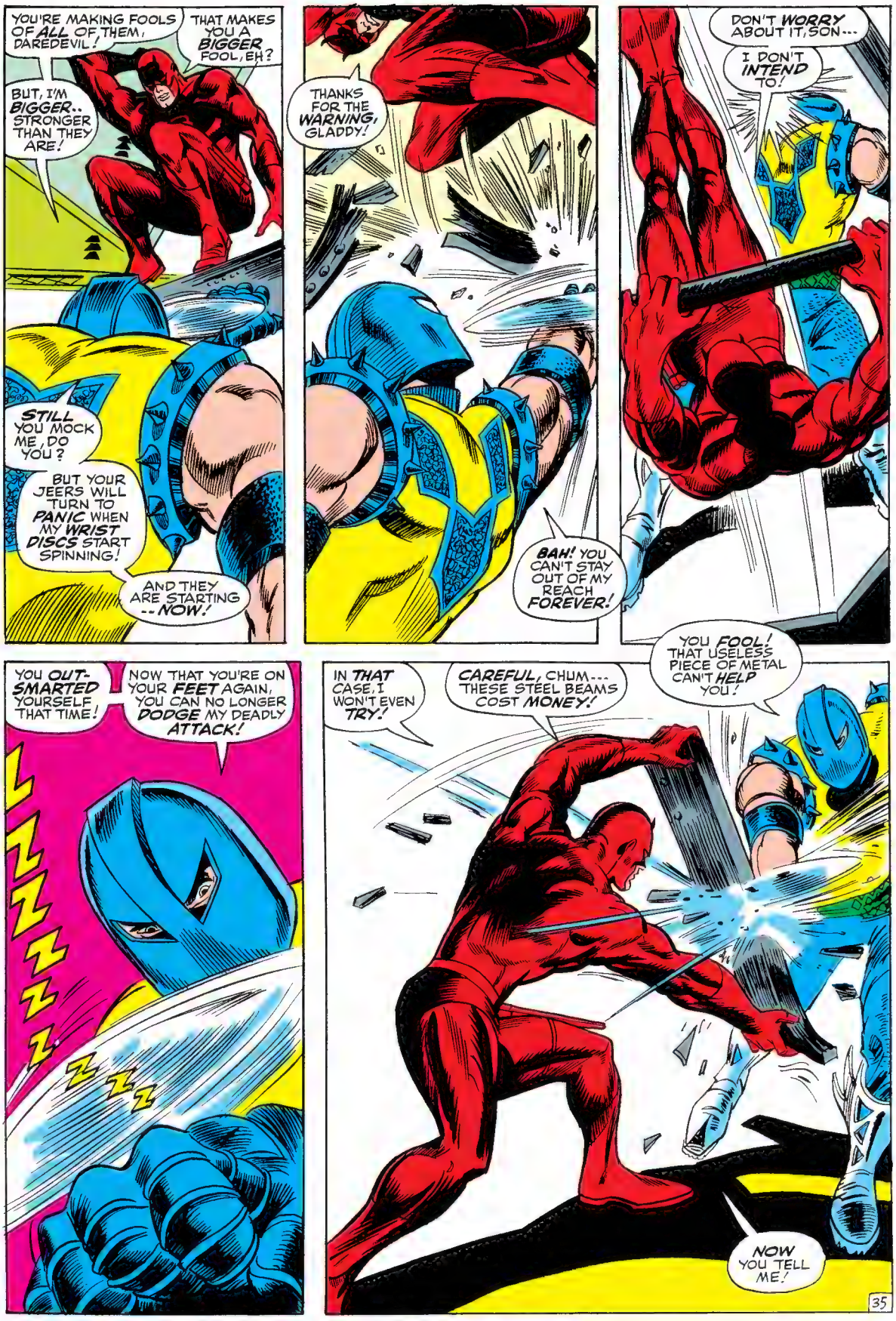
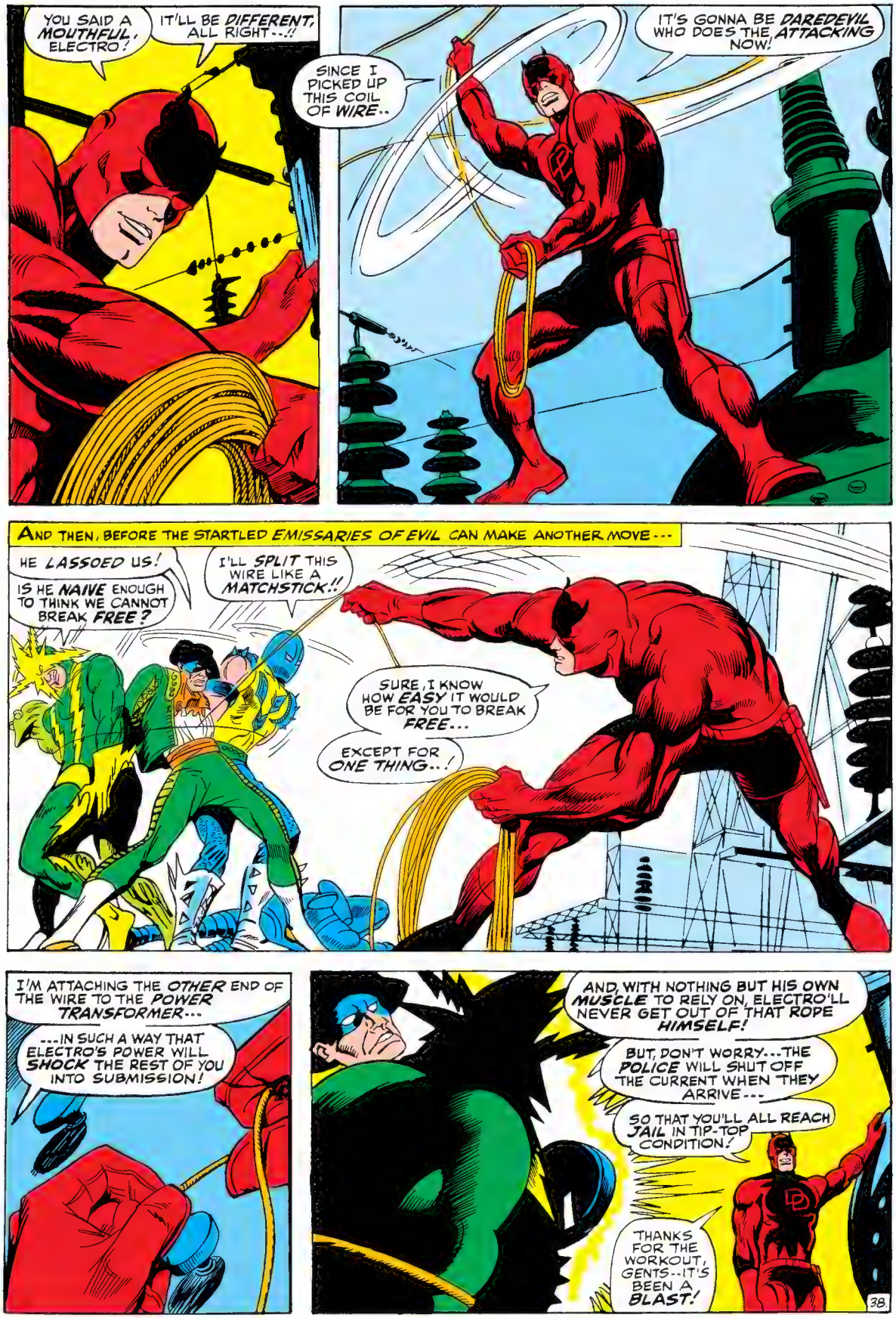
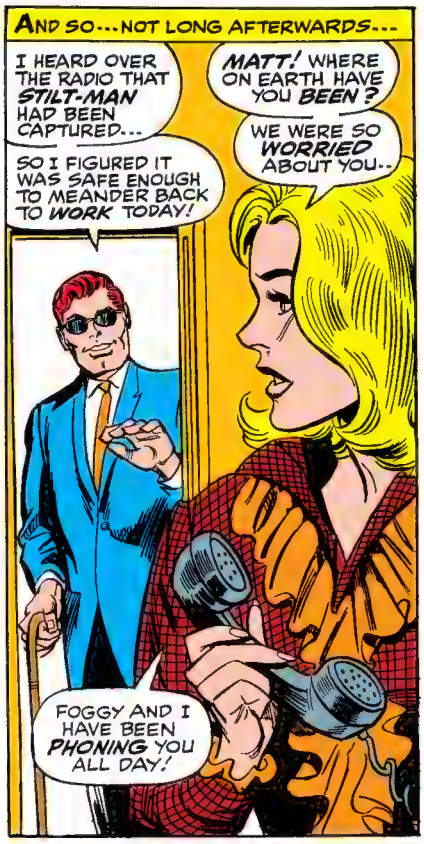

YOU'RE MAKING FOOLS OF ALL OF THEM, DAREDEVIL!
THAT MAKES YOU A BIGGER FOOL, EH?
BUT, I'M BIGGER.. STRONGER THAN THEY ARE!
STILL YOU MOCK ME, DO YOU?
BUT YOUR JEERS WILL TURN TO PANIC WHEN MY WRIST DISCS START SPINNING!
AND THEY ARE STARTING --NOW!
THANKS FOR THE WARNING, GLADDY!
BAH! YOU CAN'T STAY OUT OF MY REACH FOREVER!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, SON...
I DON'T INTEND TO!
YOU OUT-SMARTED YOURSELF THAT TIME!
NOW THAT YOU'RE ON YOUR FEET AGAIN, YOU CAN NO LONGER DODGE MY DEADLY ATTACK!
ZZZZZZZZZ
IN THAT CASE, I WON'T EVEN TRY!
CAREFUL, CHUM--- THESE STEEL BEAMS COST MONEY!
YOU FOOL! THAT USELESS PIECE OF METAL CAN'T HELP YOU!
NOW YOU TELL ME!

HE'S RIGHT!
HIS SPINNING BLADE IS SLICING THROUGH-- LIKE A HOT KNIFE THROUGH BUTTER!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO RUSH--!
I'LL GIVE YOU TIME--TO CONTEMPLATE WHAT YOUR FATE WILL BE---IN A FEW MORE SECONDS!
THERE! I'VE CUT THROUGH THE ENTIRE BEAM!!
NOW THERE'S NOTHING
ARE YOU KIDDIN'?!!
HOW ABOUT MY OWN FIVE LITTLE TOESIES..?
HERE!..YOU CAN COUNT 'EM IF YOU LIKE!
NOW I'VE GOT YOU!!
OH NO!! NOT YOU AGAIN!

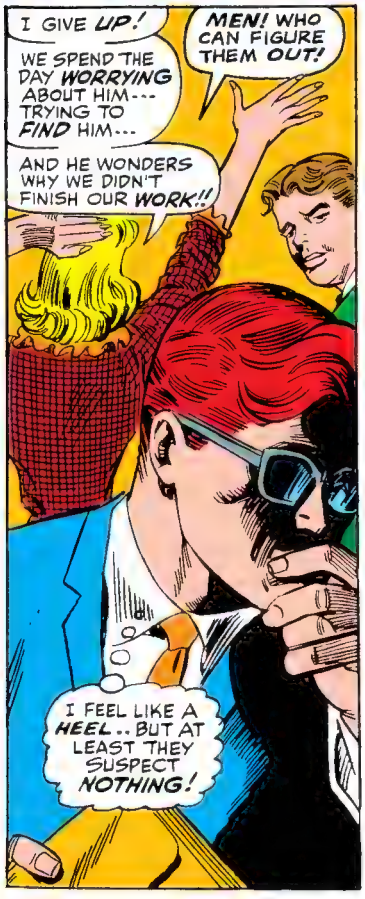
HAH!! YOU MOVED LIKE AN EEL, TRYING TO LOSE YOURSELF AMONG THE OTHERS...
--BUT I WAS TOO CLEVER FOR YOU!
AND NOW---YOU ARE TOTALLY HELPLESS BENEATH MY ALL-CONCEALING CLOAK!!
THUS, IT SHALL BE I--- THE MARVELOUS MATADOR.. WHO BRINGS YOU TO BAY!
ALTHOUGH POSSESSED OF LESS SUPER-POWER THAN ANY HERE-- MY SKILL...MY SPEED..HAVE BROUGHT ME THE ULTIMATE VICTORY!
NOW YOU MAY TAKE THE DEFEATED DAREDEV...
THAT'S ONLY YOUR FIRST SURPRISE, BULL-THROWER...
WHA..?!! IT'S-- THE LEAP FROG!!
THIS IS THE SECOND!!
IT CANNOT BE!
ONE MAN--ALONE AND UNAIDED--- CAN'T HOLD US ALL OFF!
NOT EVEN DAREDEVIL!
WE WERE CARELESS-- OVER-CONFIDENT..
BUT NOW IT WILL BE DIFFERENT..!


YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL, ELECTRO!
IT'LL BE DIFFERENT, ALL RIGHT--!!
SINCE I PICKED UP THIS COIL OF WIRE..
IT'S GONNA BE DAREDEVIL WHO DOES THE ATTACKING NOW!
AND THEN, BEFORE THE STARTLED EMISSARIES OF EVIL CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE---
HE LASSOED US!
IS HE NAIVE ENOUGH TO THINK WE CANNOT BREAK FREE?
I'LL SPLIT THIS WIRE LIKE A MATCHSTICK!!
SURE, I KNOW HOW EASY IT WOULD BE FOR YOU TO BREAK FREE...
EXCEPT FOR ONE THING..!
I'M ATTACHING THE OTHER END OF THE WIRE TO THE POWER TRANSFORMER...
---IN SUCH A WAY THAT ELECTRO'S POWER WILL SHOCK THE REST OF YOU INTO SUBMISSION!
AND, WITH NOTHING BUT HIS OWN MUSCLE TO RELY ON, ELECTRO'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THAT ROPE HIMSELF!
BUT, DON'T WORRY...THE POLICE WILL SHUT OFF THE CURRENT WHEN THEY ARRIVE---
SO THAT YOU'LL ALL REACH JAIL IN TIP-TOP CONDITION!
THANKS FOR THE WORKOUT, GENTS--IT'S BEEN A BLAST!


AND SO...NOT LONG AFTERWARDS...
I HEARD OVER THE RADIO THAT STILT-MAN HAD BEEN CAPTURED...
MATT! WHERE ON EARTH HAVE YOU BEEN?
WE WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU..
SO I FIGURED IT WAS SAFE ENOUGH TO MEANDER BACK TO WORK TODAY!
FOGGY AND I HAVE BEEN PHONING YOU ALL DAY!

SORRY---I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU---
I WAS VISITING BROTHER MIKE...AND I MUST HAVE LOST TRACK OF THE TIME!
KAREN! DID YOU MOVE THE SMALL FILE CABINET AGAIN?
OH NO.. THERE IT IS!

I MUST NEVER FORGET TO ACT LIKE A BLIND MAN---NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT MAY BE!
SAY! YOU STILL HAVEN'T FILED THIS BRIEF!
CAN'T ANYTHING GET DONE AROUND HERE WHILE I'M GONE?

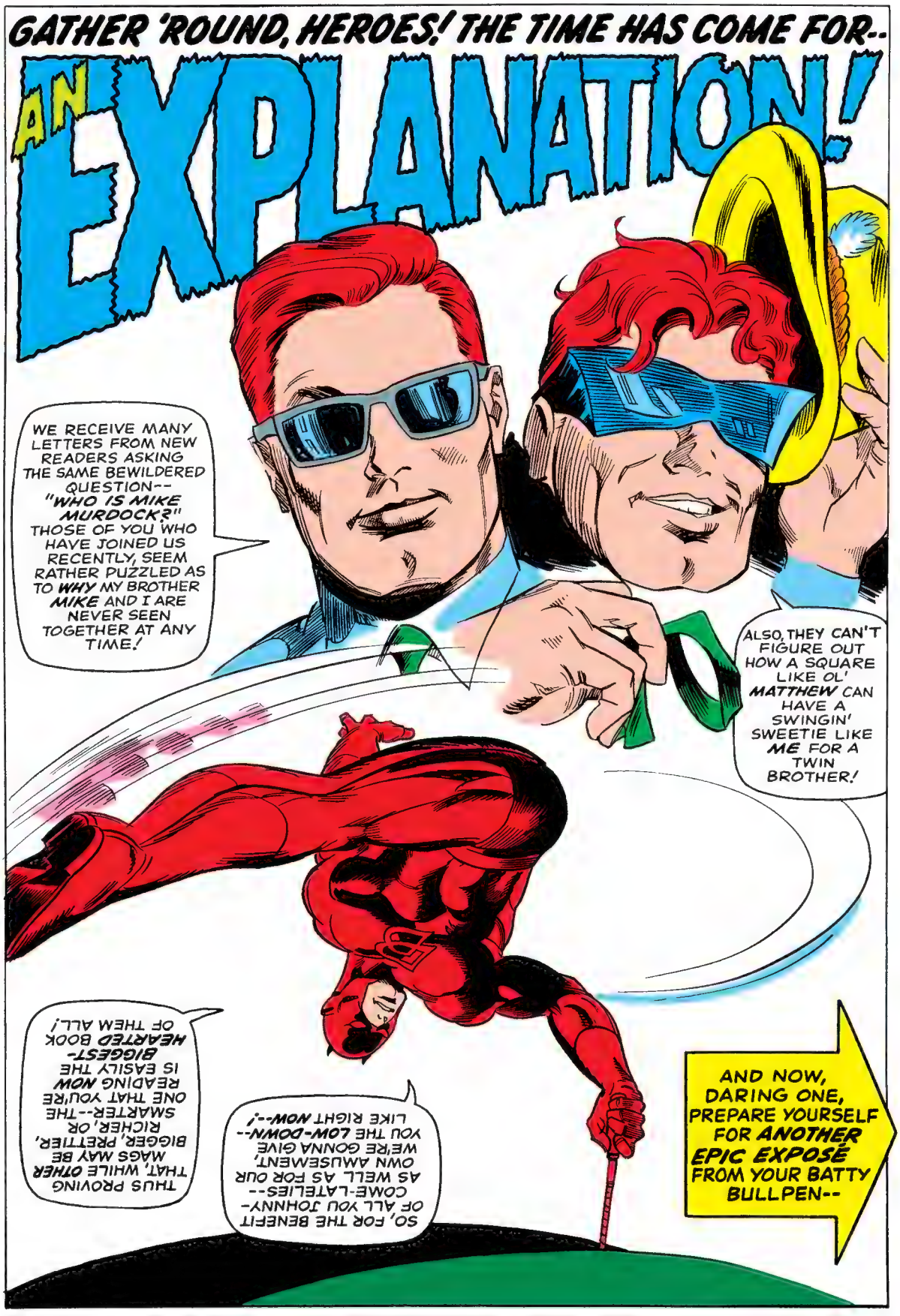

I GIVE UP!
MEN! WHO CAN FIGURE THEM OUT!
WE SPEND THE DAY WORRYING ABOUT HIM---TRYING TO FIND HIM...
AND HE WONDERS WHY WE DIDN'T FINISH OUR WORK!!
I FEEL LIKE A HEEL..BUT AT LEAST THEY SUSPECT NOTHING!

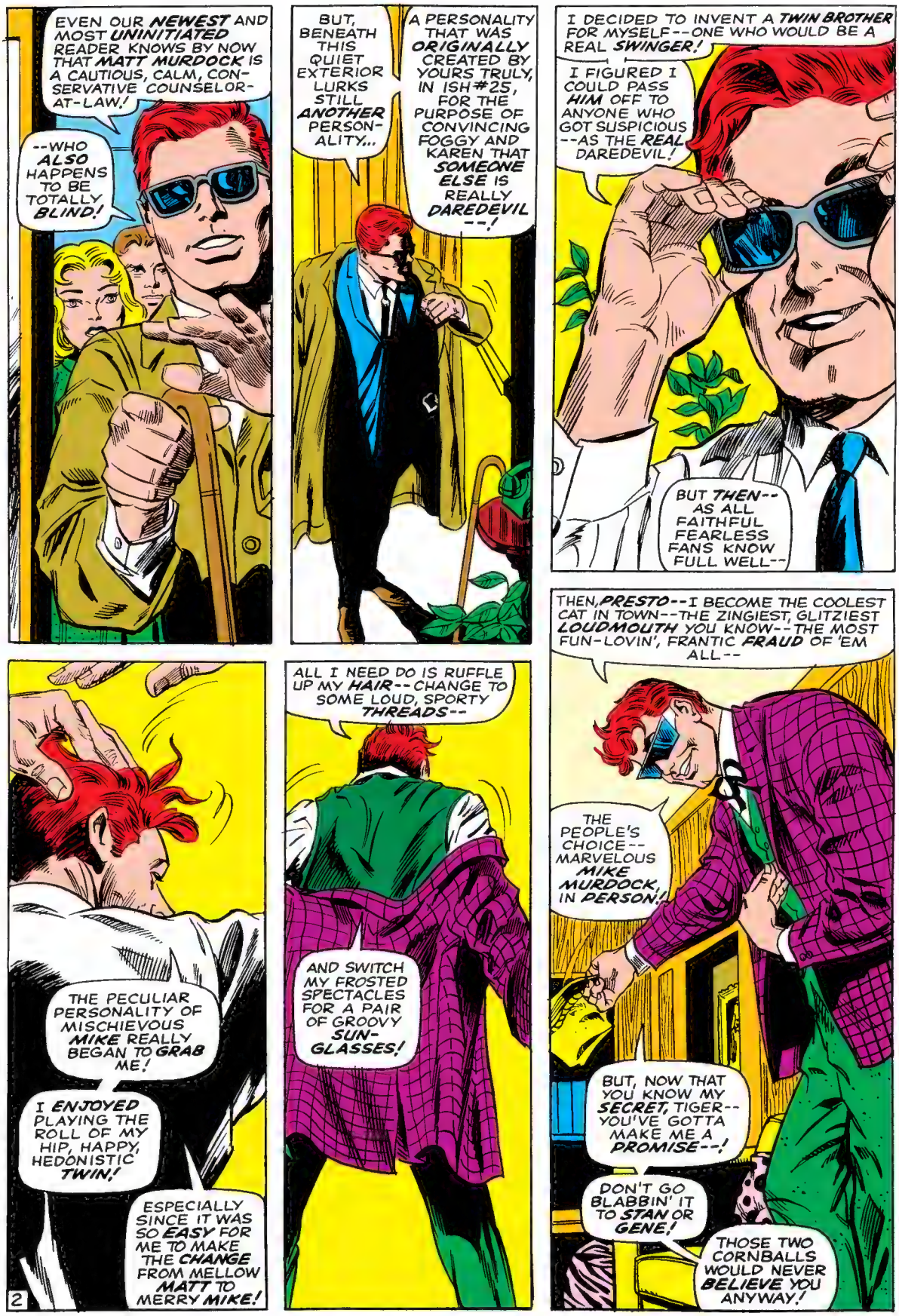
OH,KAREN---KAREN!
IF YOU ONLY KNEW... HOW I LONG TO TAKE YOU IN MY ARMS... TELL YOU WHO I REALLY AM..!
BUT I MUST NOT--I CANNOT--- I DARE NOT!!
SLAM!
I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH TO ALLOW YOU TO SHARE MY SECRET--AND ITS DANGERS!

NO--MATT MURDOCK HAS ALWAYS BEEN A LONER...AND A LONER HE MUST STAY--SO LONG AS DAREDEVIL LIVES!!
THE END
...FOR NOW!

INSIDE DAREDEVIL!
#1 DD's RIOTOUS RADAR SENSE!
A BUILT-IN "RADAR" ABILITY ALLOWS DAREDEVIL TO "SEE" OBJECTS ALL AROUND HIM BY SCANNING THE AIR WAVES IN HIS IMMEDIATE VICINITY!
FABULOUS FAR-OUT FACTS ABOUT THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
#2 DD's TITANIC SENSE OF TOUCH!
SO SENSITIVE ARE DAREDEVIL'S FINGERTIPS, THAT HE CAN "READ" ANY PAGE BY MERELY FEELING THE IMPRESSION WHICH THE INK HAS LEFT UPON THE PAPER!
#3 DD's BUILT-IN LIE DETECTOR!
BEING ABLE TO HEAR A MAN'S HEARTBEAT ENABLES DAREDEVIL TO DETECT A LIE BEING TOLD--MERELY BY SENSING THE SUBJECT'S SPEEDED-UP PULSE RATE--LIKE A LIVING LIE DETECTOR!

EVER WONDER HOW A BLIND MAN CAN *FIGHT* SO EFFECTIVELY?
WELL THEN, WOULDJA BELIEVE--?
MY SUPER-KEEN POWER OF *HEARING*, COUPLED WITH MY *RADAR SENSE*, MAKES IT PRACTICALLY *IMPOSSIBLE* FOR ANY WOULD-BE FOE EVER TO TAKE ME BY SURPRISE!
MY SENSE OF *TOUCH* IS SO ACUTE THAT I INSTINCTIVELY *KNOW* JUST WHAT PART OF MY OPPONENT'S BODY TO *STRIKE*, IN ORDER TO GAIN THE UPPER HAND IN ANY TYPE OF BATTLE!
IN FACT, I OFTEN FEEL *SORRY* FOR ANY OUT-CLASSED ENEMY WHO HAS ONLY HIS *SIGHT* TO RELY ON!
MY RAPID-FIRE *REFLEXES* ALLOW ME TO MOVE *FASTER*, AND WITH GREATER *ACCURACY*, THAN ANY NORMAL MAN!
--AND BY THE WAY, ALL THE TIME I SPEND IN MY PRIVATE *GYM*, WORKING OUT FOR HOURS, DOESN'T DO ME ANY HARM *EITHER* WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN!


GATHER 'ROUND, HEROES! THE TIME HAS COME FOR--
AN EXPLANATION!
WE RECEIVE MANY LETTERS FROM NEW READERS ASKING THE SAME BEWILDERED QUESTION-- "WHO IS MIKE MURDOCK?" THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE JOINED US RECENTLY, SEEM RATHER PUZZLED AS TO WHY MY BROTHER MIKE AND I ARE NEVER SEEN TOGETHER AT ANY TIME!
ALSO, THEY CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW A SQUARE LIKE OL' MATTHEW CAN HAVE A SWINGIN' SWEETIE LIKE ME FOR A TWIN BROTHER!
AND NOW, DARING ONE, PREPARE YOURSELF FOR ANOTHER EPIC EXPOSÉ FROM YOUR BATTY BULLPEN--
SO, FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL YOU JOHNNY-COME-LATELIES-- AS WELL AS FOR OUR OWN AMUSEMENT, WE'RE GONNA GIVE YOU THE LOW-DOWN-- LIKE RIGHT NOW--!
THUS PROVING THAT, WHILE OTHER MAGS MAY BE BIGGER, PRETTIER, RICHER, OR SMARTER--THE ONE THAT YOU'RE READING NOW IS EASILY THE BIGGEST-HEARTED BOOK OF THEM ALL!


EVEN OUR NEWEST AND MOST UNINITIATED READER KNOWS BY NOW THAT MATT MURDOCK IS A CAUTIOUS, CALM, CONSERVATIVE COUNSELOR-AT-LAW!
--WHO ALSO HAPPENS TO BE TOTALLY BLIND!
BUT, BENEATH THIS QUIET EXTERIOR LURKS STILL ANOTHER PERSONALITY...
A PERSONALITY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY CREATED BY YOURS TRULY, IN ISH #25, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVINCING FOGGY AND KAREN THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS REALLY DAREDEVIL --!
I DECIDED TO INVENT A TWIN BROTHER FOR MYSELF--ONE WHO WOULD BE A REAL SWINGER!
I FIGURED I COULD PASS HIM OFF TO ANYONE WHO GOT SUSPICIOUS --AS THE REAL DAREDEVIL!
BUT THEN-- AS ALL FAITHFUL FEARLESS FANS KNOW FULL WELL--
THE PECULIAR PERSONALITY OF MISCHIEVOUS MIKE REALLY BEGAN TO GRAB ME!
I ENJOYED PLAYING THE ROLL OF MY HIP, HAPPY, HEDONISTIC TWIN!
ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WAS SO EASY FOR ME TO MAKE THE CHANGE FROM MELLOW MATT TO MERRY MIKE!
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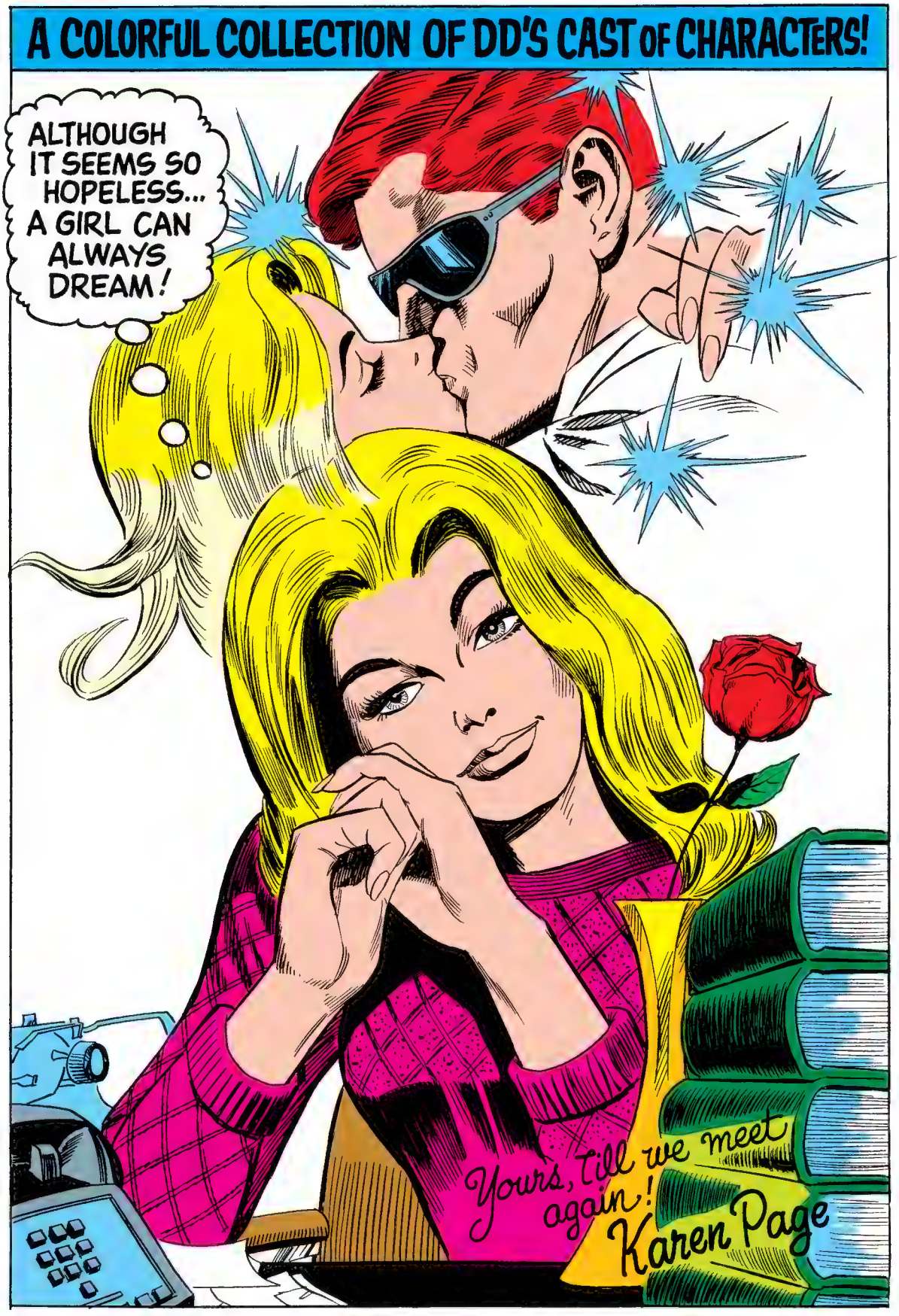
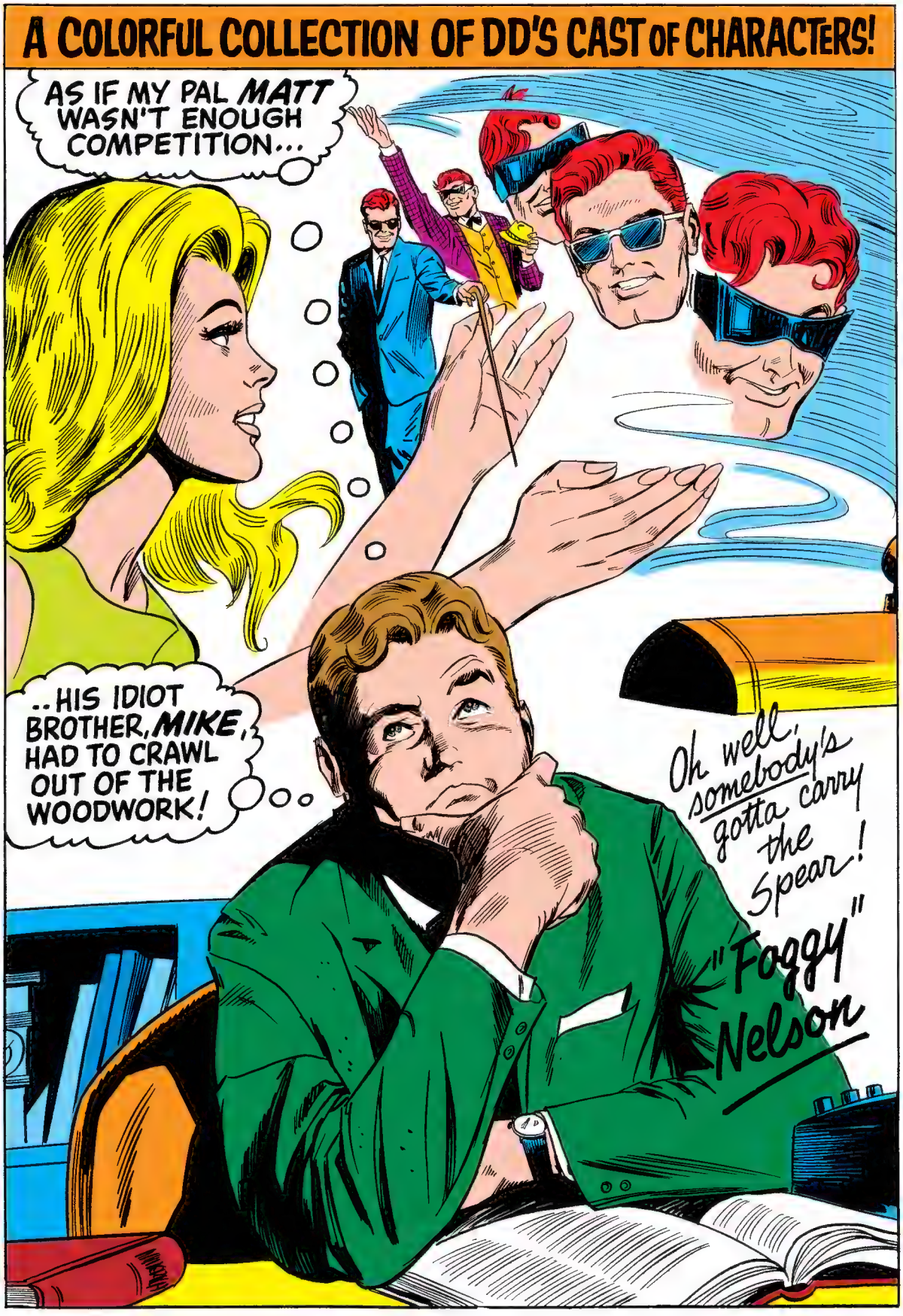
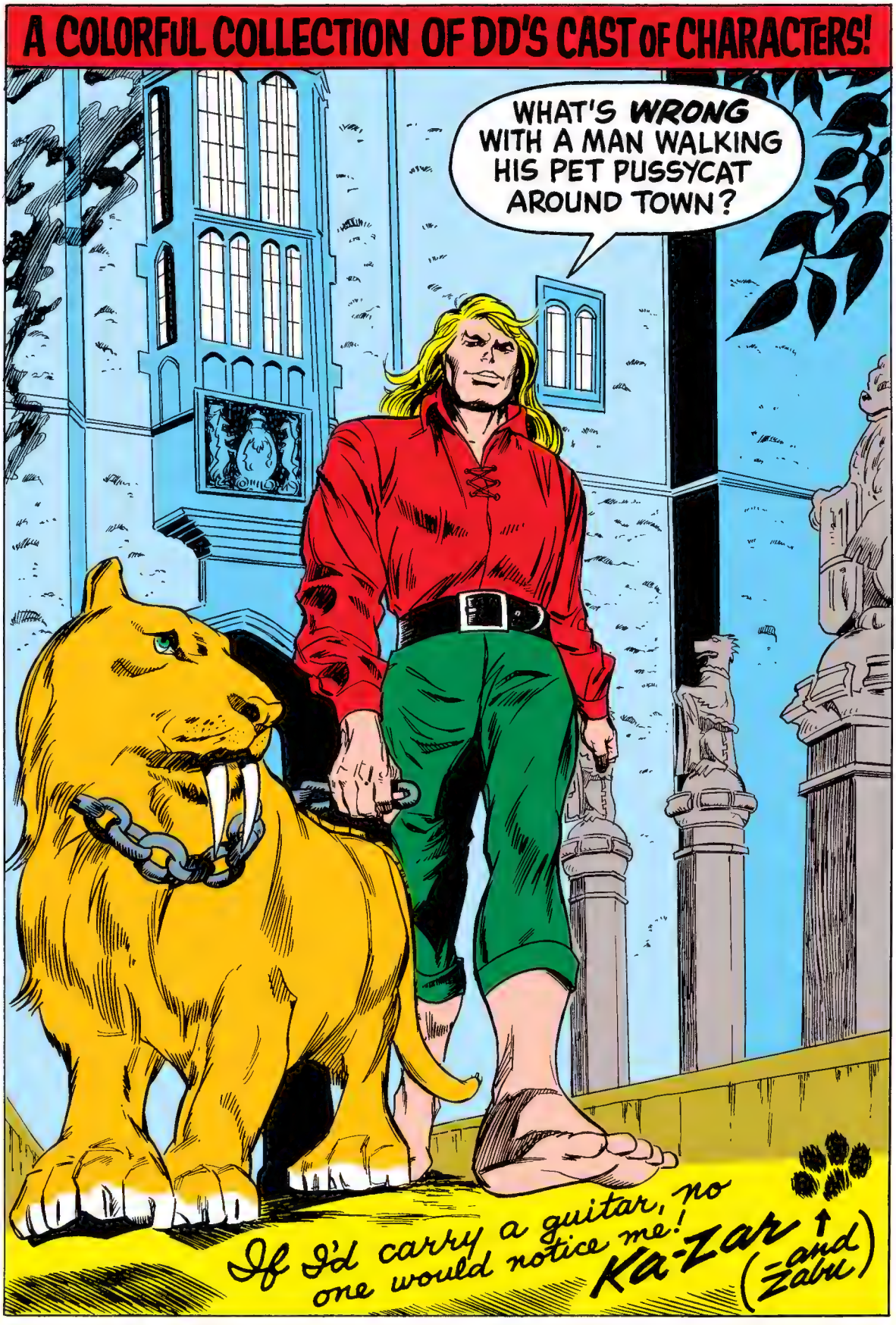
ALL I NEED DO IS RUFFLE UP MY HAIR--CHANGE TO SOME LOUD, SPORTY THREADS--
AND SWITCH MY FROSTED SPECTACLES FOR A PAIR OF GROOVY SUN-GLASSES!
THEN, PRESTO--I BECOME THE COOLEST CAT IN TOWN--THE ZINGIEST, GLITZIEST LOUDMOUTH YOU KNOW--THE MOST FUN-LOVIN', FRANTIC FRAUD OF 'EM ALL--
THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE--MARVELOUS MIKE MURDOCK, IN PERSON!
BUT, NOW THAT YOU KNOW MY SECRET, TIGER--YOU'VE GOTTA MAKE ME A PROMISE--!
DON'T GO BLABBIN' IT TO STAN OR GENE!
THOSE TWO CORNBALLS WOULD NEVER BELIEVE YOU ANYWAY!


A COLORFUL COLLECTION OF DD'S CAST OF CHARACTERS!
ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS SO HOPELESS... A GIRL CAN ALWAYS DREAM!
Yours, till we meet again!
Karen Page


A COLORFUL COLLECTION OF DD'S CAST OF CHARACTERS!
AS IF MY PAL MATT WASN'T ENOUGH COMPETITION...
..HIS IDIOT BROTHER, MIKE, HAD TO CRAWL OUT OF THE WOODWORK!
Oh well, somebody's gotta carry the Spear!
"Foggy" Nelson


A COLORFUL COLLECTION OF DD'S CAST OF CHARACTERS!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH A MAN WALKING HIS PET PUSSYCAT AROUND TOWN?
If I'd carry a guitar, no one would notice me!
Ka-Zar (and Zabu)

A COLORFUL COLLECTION OF DD'S CAST OF CHARACTERS!
HEADS UP, HEROES! HERE'S THE OL' SWASHBUCKLER HIMSELF!
Whatever you do... Wherever you go... always Hang Loose!
—D.D.

A DAZZLING DD MEMORY PAGE!

THE GALVANIZING GLADIATOR

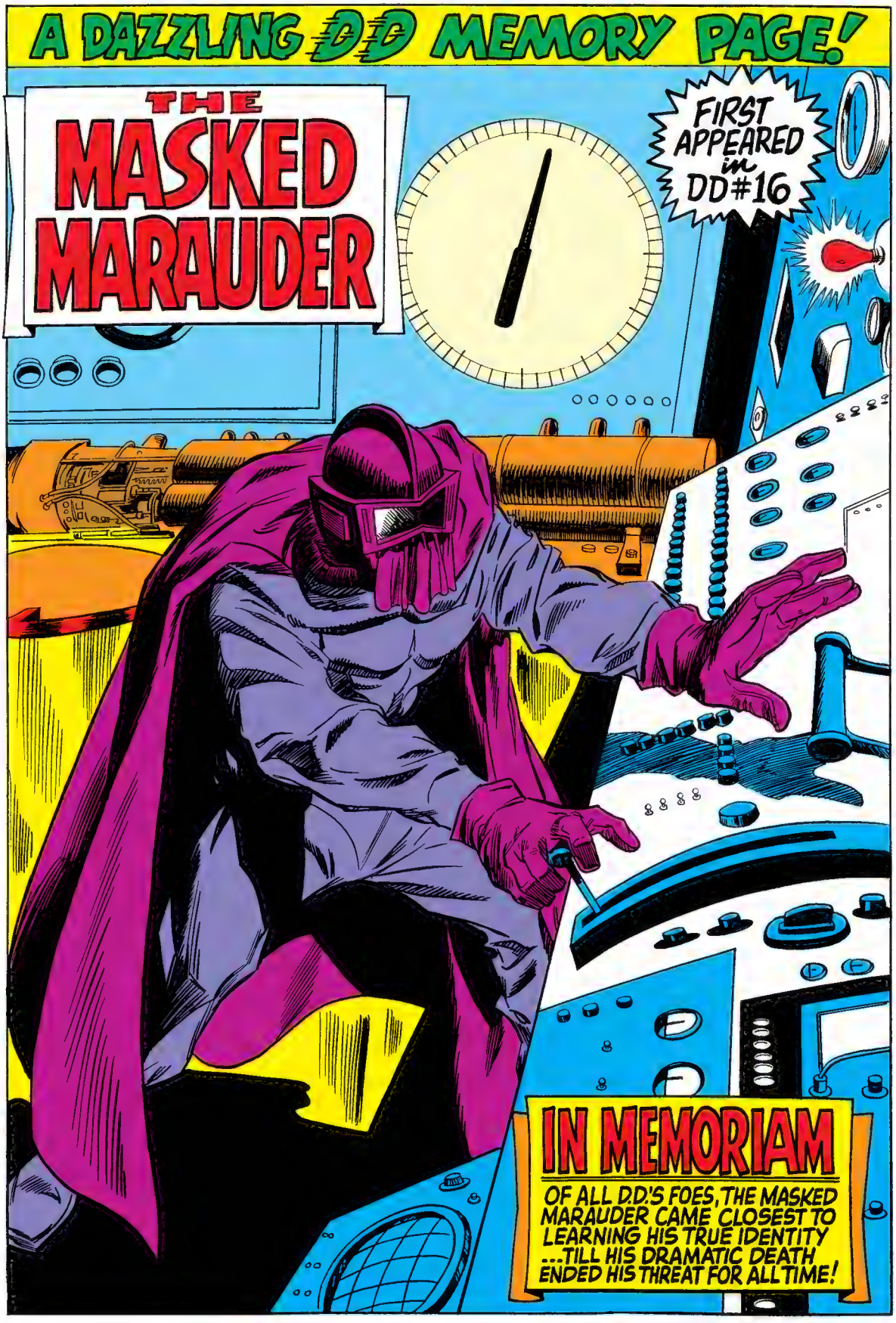
FIRST APPEARED IN DD #18
THE VERY SIGHT OF THIS BLUDGEONING HUMAN BLOCKBUSTER IS ENOUGH TO MAKE STRONG MEN QUIVER! WITH HIS TWIN WRIST-BLADES WHIRLING, THE INCREDIBLY POWERFUL GLADIATOR IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS FOES DD HAS EVER FOUGHT!

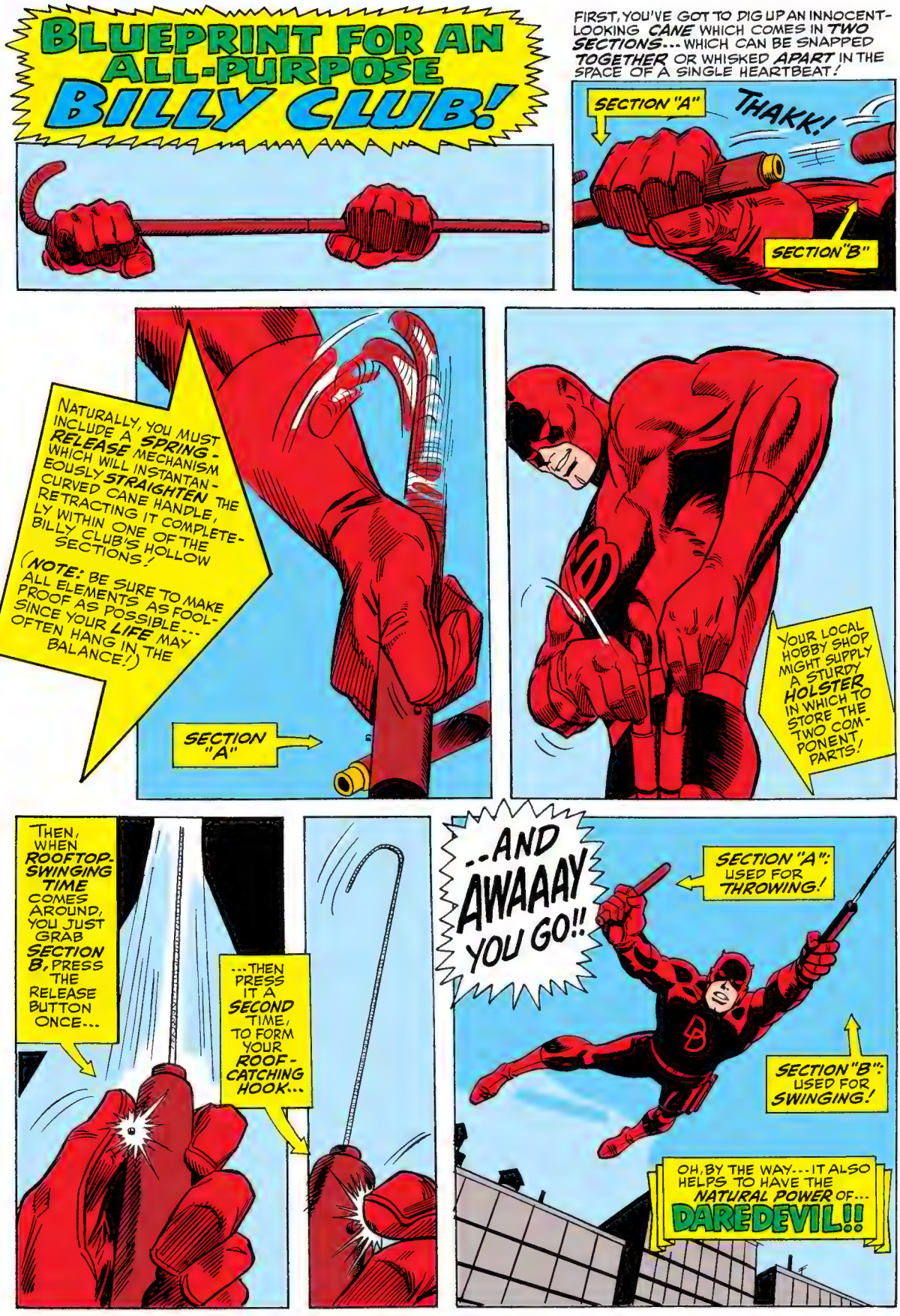
A DAZZLING DD MEMORY PAGE!

THE LARCENOUS
LEAP FROG
FIRST APPEARED IN DD #25
IF A HIGH-JUMPING FROG WERE THE SIZE OF A HUMAN, AND POSSESSED OF A HUMAN BRAIN, HE WOULD BE ALMOST INVINCIBLE!
SO IT WAS WITH THE LEAP FROG --UNTIL HE DARED TANGLE WITH OL' DD!

A DAZZLING DD MEMORY PAGE!

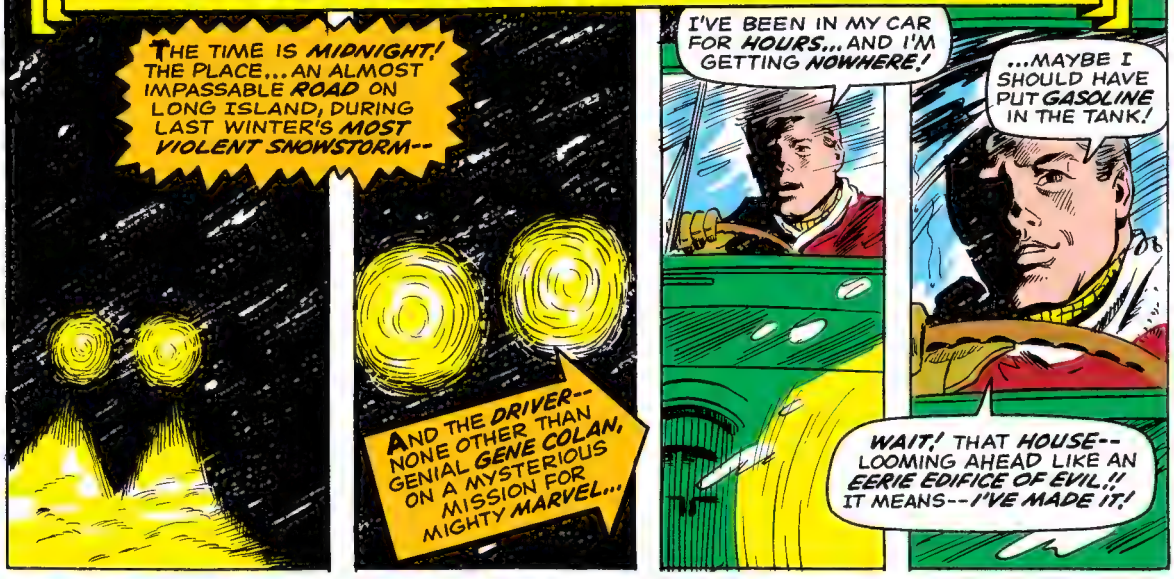
THE OMINOUS
OWL
FIRST APPEARED IN DD #3
ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS THE "OVERLORD OF CRIME", THE OMNIVOROUS OWL HAS THE POWER TO ACTUALLY GLIDE THRU THE AIR ON THE SLIGHTEST WIND CURRENTS! BUT, HIS MAIN SOURCES OF MENACE ARE HIS DEMONIAC BRAIN AND HIS MERCILESS HEART!


A DAZZLING DD MEMORY PAGE!
THE MASKED MARAUDER
FIRST APPEARED in DD#16
IN MEMORIAM
OF ALL D.D.'S FOES, THE MASKED MARAUDER CAME CLOSEST TO LEARNING HIS TRUE IDENTITY ...TILL HIS DRAMATIC DEATH ENDED HIS THREAT FOR ALL TIME!


BLUEPRINT FOR AN ALL-PURPOSE BILLY CLUB!
FIRST, YOU'VE GOT TO DIG UP AN INNOCENT-LOOKING CANE WHICH COMES IN TWO SECTIONS... WHICH CAN BE SNAPPED TOGETHER OR WHISKED APART IN THE SPACE OF A SINGLE HEARTBEAT!
SECTION "A"
THAKK!
SECTION "B"
NATURALLY, YOU MUST INCLUDE A SPRING-RELEASE MECHANISM WHICH WILL INSTANTANEOUSLY STRAIGHTEN THE CURVED CANE HANDLE, RETRACTING IT COMPLETELY WITHIN ONE OF THE BILLY CLUB'S HOLLOW SECTIONS!
(NOTE: BE SURE TO MAKE ALL ELEMENTS AS FOOL-PROOF AS POSSIBLE... SINCE YOUR LIFE MAY OFTEN HANG IN THE BALANCE!)
SECTION "A"
YOUR LOCAL HOBBY SHOP MIGHT SUPPLY A STURDY HOLSTER IN WHICH TO STORE THE TWO COMPONENT PARTS!
THEN, WHEN ROOFTOP-SWINGING TIME COMES AROUND, YOU JUST GRAB SECTION B, PRESS THE RELEASE BUTTON ONCE...
...THEN PRESS IT A SECOND TIME, TO FORM YOUR ROOF-CATCHING HOOK...
--AND AWAAAY YOU GO!!
SECTION "A": USED FOR THROWING!
SECTION "B": USED FOR SWINGING!
OH, BY THE WAY--- IT ALSO HELPS TO HAVE THE NATURAL POWER OF... DAREDEVIL!!

AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT!

A DARINGLY DIFFERENT, DRAMATIC FEATURETTE, IN ANSWER TO VIRTUALLY NO REQUESTS FROM ANYONE AT ALL!


THE TIME IS MIDNIGHT! THE PLACE... AN ALMOST IMPASSABLE ROAD ON LONG ISLAND, DURING LAST WINTER'S MOST VIOLENT SNOWSTORM--
AND THE DRIVER-- NONE OTHER THAN GENIAL GENE COLAN, ON A MYSTERIOUS MISSION FOR MIGHTY MARVEL...
I'VE BEEN IN MY CAR FOR HOURS... AND I'M GETTING NOWHERE!
...MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE PUT GASOLINE IN THE TANK!
WAIT! THAT HOUSE-- LOOMING AHEAD LIKE AN EERIE EDIFICE OF EVIL!! IT MEANS--I'VE MADE IT!

HOW HAPPY HE'LL BE TO SEE ME!
ONLY A TRUE REAL-LIFE HERO WOULD DARE VENTURE OUT ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS!
HOW HIS LITTLE BEADY EYES WILL LIGHT UP WHEN HE SEES I'VE ARRIVED! WHAT A HERO'S WELCOME I'M SURE TO RECEIVE!
I MAY EVEN GET--A NO-PRIZE!!
AHH--THE DOOR IS OPENING NOW! I HOPE HE DOESN'T EMBARRASS ME WITH TOO LAVISH PRAISE!

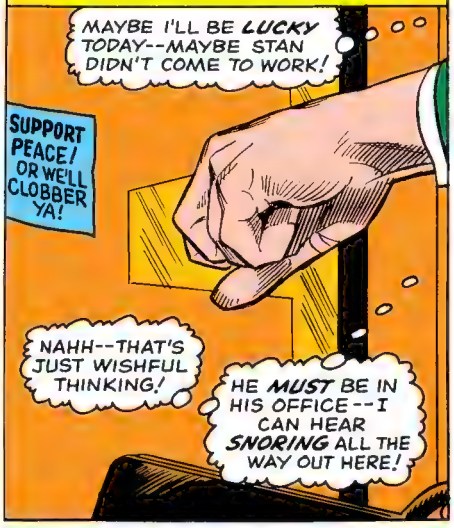
COLAN!
YOU NUTTY, NEOLITHIC-BRAINED NINCOMPOOP!
OF ALL THE TIMES TO COME VISITING A GUY--!!!
VISITING?? WHO'D WANNA VISIT A SOREHEAD LIKE YOU??!
I BROUGHT THE LAST TEN PAGES OF DAREDEVIL FOR YOU TO WRITE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST MAIL 'EM TO ME??
WHAT??!! TRUST MY PRECIOUS, PANORAMIC, PRACTICALLY PRICELESS WORKS OF ART TO THE MAIL!!--NEVER!
BESIDES-- I DIDN'T HAVE A STAMP!
WELL, BIG-HEARTED-- HOW'S ABOUT ASKING ME IN?

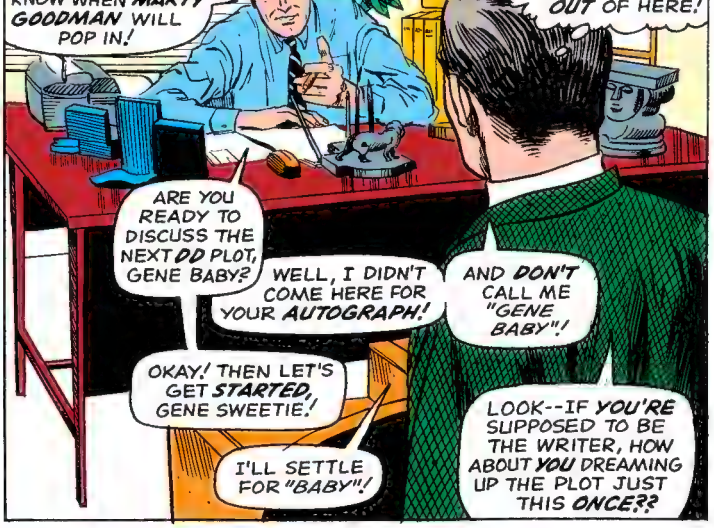
MINUTES LATER--
HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING THAT JAVA--
IT'LL COST YOU A DIME!
WHY DO ALL THE ARTISTS WHO WORK FOR MARVEL HAVE TO BE CHARACTERS?
DON'T ASK ME--YOU DO THE HIRING!
AND IF YOU WAVE THAT STOGIE IN MY FACE ONCE MORE--I'LL GO BACK TO BRAND ECHH!
AT LEAST THEY DIDN'T PAY ME IN MMMS BUTTONS!

AND NOW THAT YOU'VE MET THE TWO CHEERFUL CHERUBS WHO BRING YOU DARE-DEVIL EACH MONTH, WE HAVE ANOTHER TREAT FOR YOU--

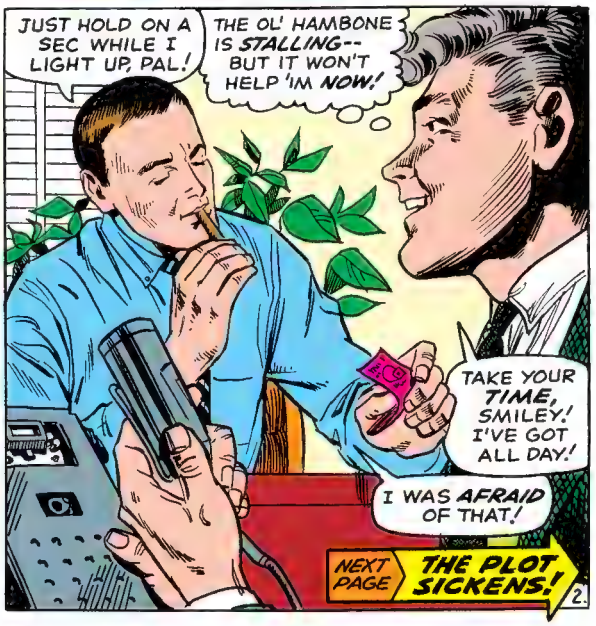
(--JUST SO LONG AS NO WISE-GUY ASKS US WHERE THE FIRST TREAT IS!)

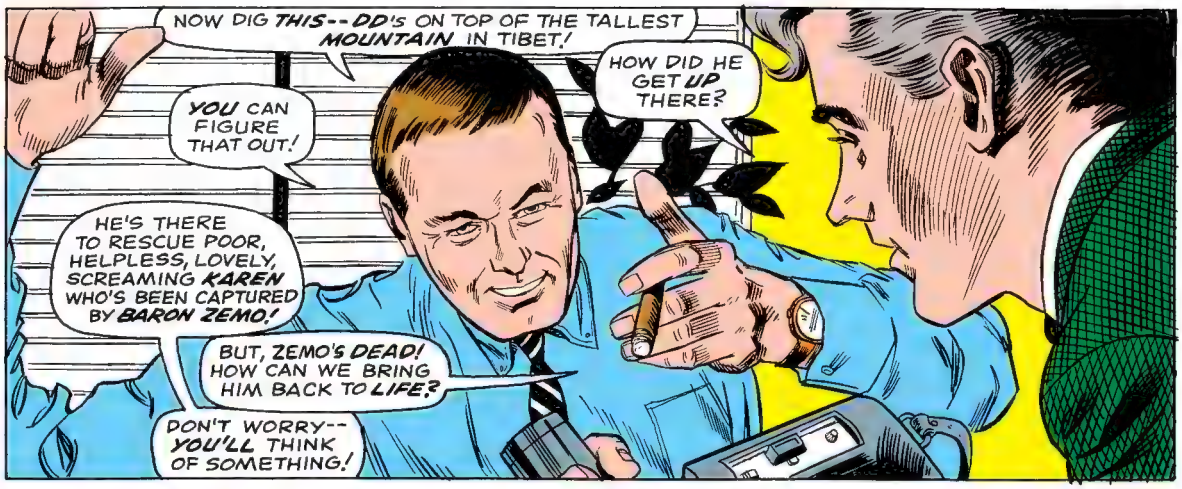
PREEEEESENTING: AN ACTUAL, UNREHEARSED STORY CONFERENCE WITH STAN AND GENE!

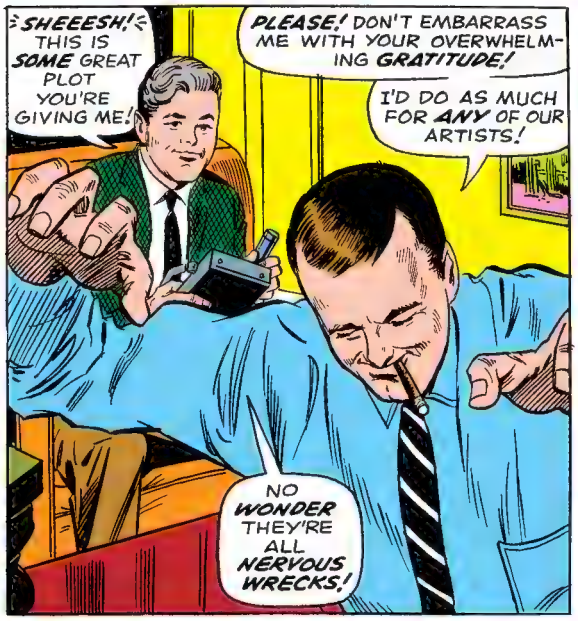

THE NEXT DAY, RESTED AND REFRESHED AFTER HIS 10¢ CUP OF JAVA, AN ENTHUSIASTIC GENE COLAN EAGERLY ARRIVES AT THE CULTURAL CAPITOL OF THE WORLD...
MAYBE I'LL BE LUCKY TODAY--MAYBE STAN DIDN'T COME TO WORK!
SUPPORT PEACE! OR WE'LL CLOBBER YA!
NAHH--THAT'S JUST WISHFUL THINKING!
HE MUST BE IN HIS OFFICE--I CAN HEAR SNORING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE!


HEY! HOW'DJA GET BACK BEHIND YOUR DESK SO FAST?
I'VE HAD LOTS OF PRACTICE! I NEVER KNOW WHEN MARTY GOODMAN WILL POP IN!
MAYBE IF I TALK A LOT HE'LL DOZE OFF AGAIN--AND I CAN GET OUT OF HERE!
ARE YOU READY TO DISCUSS THE NEXT DD PLOT, GENE BABY?
WELL, I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR YOUR AUTOGRAPH!
AND DON'T CALL ME "GENE BABY"!
OKAY! THEN LET'S GET STARTED, GENE SWEETIE!
I'LL SETTLE FOR "BABY"!
LOOK--IF YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE WRITER, HOW ABOUT YOU DREAMING UP THE PLOT JUST THIS ONCE??

YOU MEAN YOU WANT ME TO WASTE ALL MY BRAIN-POWER ON JUST PLAIN, ORDINARY THINKING?
SURE, WHY NOT TRY IT? THE CHANGE MAY DO YOU GOOD!
I EVEN BROUGHT A TAPE RECORDER!--IN CASE YOU GET AN IDEA, WE'LL PRESERVE THAT FAMOUS FIRST FOR POSTERITY!
I THINK YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING!


JUST HOLD ON A SEC WHILE I LIGHT UP, PAL!
THE OL' HAMBONE IS STALLING--BUT IT WON'T HELP 'IM NOW!
TAKE YOUR TIME, SMILEY! I'VE GOT ALL DAY!
I WAS AFRAID OF THAT!
NEXT PAGE
THE PLOT SICKENS!


NOW DIG THIS--DD's ON TOP OF THE TALLEST MOUNTAIN IN TIBET!
HOW DID HE GET UP THERE?
YOU CAN FIGURE THAT OUT!
HE'S THERE TO RESCUE POOR, HELPLESS, LOVELY, SCREAMING KAREN WHO'S BEEN CAPTURED BY BARON ZEMO!
BUT, ZEMO'S DEAD! HOW CAN WE BRING HIM BACK TO LIFE?
DON'T WORRY--YOU'LL THINK OF SOMETHING!


SHEEESH! THIS IS SOME GREAT PLOT YOU'RE GIVING ME!
PLEASE! DON'T EMBARRASS ME WITH YOUR OVERWHELMING GRATITUDE!
I'D DO AS MUCH FOR ANY OF OUR ARTISTS!
NO WONDER THEY'RE ALL NERVOUS WRECKS!

NOW JUST TO MAKE THINGS INTERESTING, THE MOUNTAIN IS REALLY A LIVE VOLCANO--AND IT SUDDENLY BLOWS UP--IN A GIGANTIC ERUPTION!
YOU MEAN--WITH DAREDEVIL ON TOP OF IT??
NATCH! CAN'T YOU SEE IT, MAN? IT'LL BE A REAL GAS!

BUT HOW IN THE NAME OF FORBUSH--WILL WE BE ABLE TO SAVE HIM??
SAVE HIM?!!
WHY MUST I ALWAYS BE PLAGUED BY DETAILS??
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I'M STILL WAITING, LEE!
HMMM--THIS CALLS FOR REAL HIGH-LEVEL THINKING!
MAYBE I'LL ASK MY WIFE--!
WAIT! WAIT! I'M GETTING IT! HA!! I HAVE IT!
OKAY, CHUM--WITH DD ON AN ERUPTING VOLCANO--WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?

IT'LL BE ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR MARVEL!
WE START A NEW MAG--CALLED: FOGGY, THE MAN FILLED WITH FEAR!
IT'S LIKE LIVING A NIGHTMARE!
THE EVER-LOVIN' BLUE-EYED
END!

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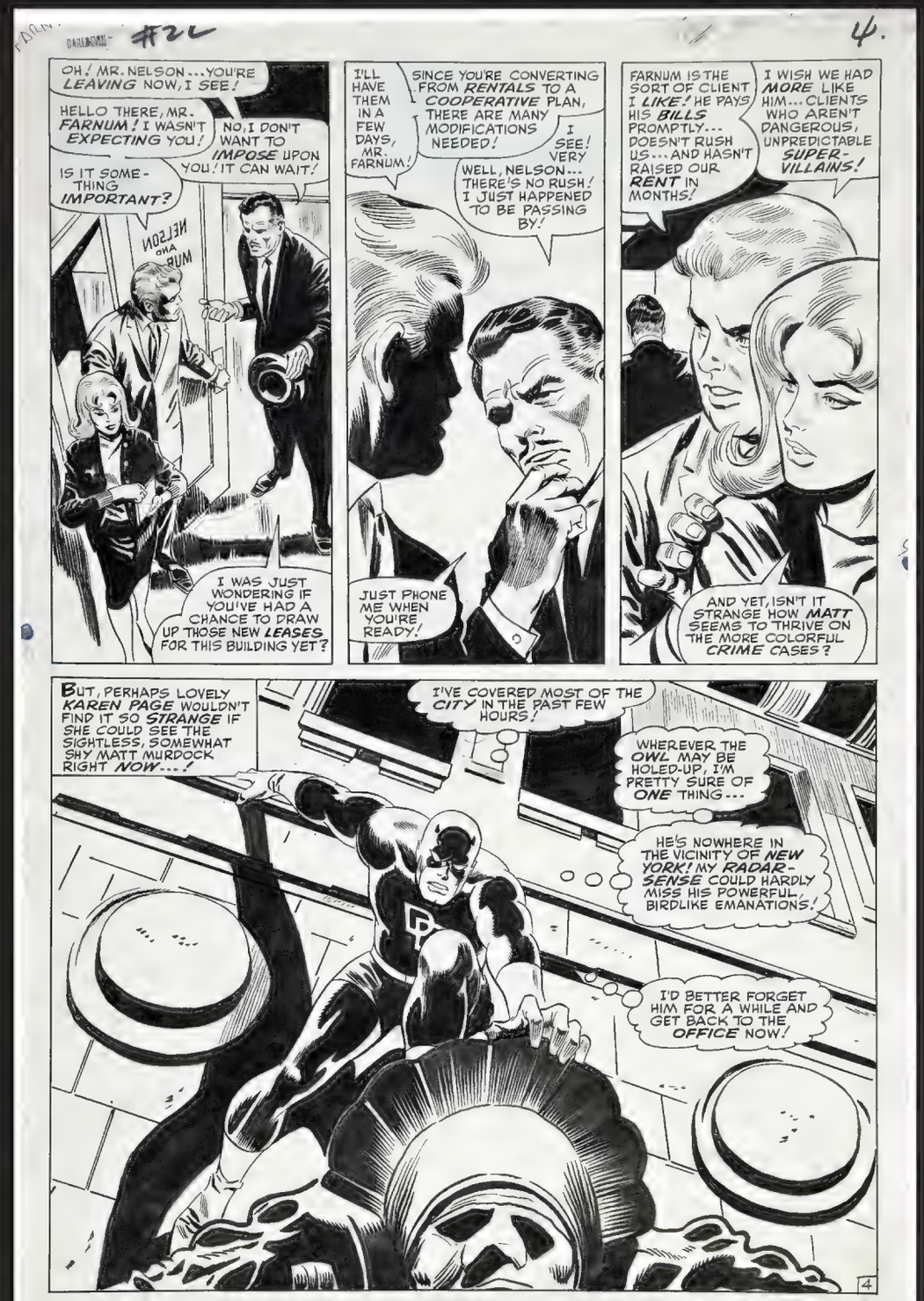
#22
4.
OH! MR. NELSON... YOU'RE LEAVING NOW, I SEE!
HELLO THERE, MR. FARNUM! I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU!
NO, I DON'T WANT TO IMPOSE UPON YOU! IT CAN WAIT!
IS IT SOMETHING IMPORTANT?
I WAS JUST WONDERING IF YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO DRAW UP THOSE NEW LEASES FOR THIS BUILDING YET?
I'LL HAVE THEM IN A FEW DAYS, MR. FARNUM!
SINCE YOU'RE CONVERTING FROM RENTALS TO A COOPERATIVE PLAN, THERE ARE MANY MODIFICATIONS NEEDED!
I SEE! VERY
WELL, NELSON... THERE'S NO RUSH! I JUST HAPPENED TO BE PASSING BY!
JUST PHONE ME WHEN YOU'RE READY.
FARNUM IS THE SORT OF CLIENT I LIKE! HE PAYS HIS BILLS PROMPTLY... DOESN'T RUSH US... AND HASN'T RAISED OUR RENT IN MONTHS!
I WISH WE HAD MORE LIKE HIM... CLIENTS WHO AREN'T DANGEROUS, UNPREDICTABLE SUPER-VILLAINS!
AND YET, ISN'T IT STRANGE HOW MATT SEEMS TO THRIVE ON THE MORE COLORFUL CRIME CASES?
BUT, PERHAPS LOVELY KAREN PAGE WOULDN'T FIND IT SO STRANGE IF SHE COULD SEE THE SIGHTLESS, SOMEWHAT SHY MATT MURDOCK RIGHT NOW...!
I'VE COVERED MOST OF THE CITY IN THE PAST FEW HOURS!
WHEREVER THE OWL MAY BE HOLED-UP, I'M PRETTY SURE OF ONE THING...
HE'S NOWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF NEW YORK! MY RADAR-SENSE COULD HARDLY MISS HIS POWERFUL, BIRDLIKE EMANATIONS!
I'D BETTER FORGET HIM FOR A WHILE AND GET BACK TO THE OFFICE NOW!
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Daredevil #23, page 14 original art
by Gene Colan & Frank Giacoia

#23
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THINK WHAT, KAREN?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, HONEY?
OH--NOTHING...!
IT-IT'S TOO IMPOSSIBLE --TOO INSANE--! AFTER ALL-- MATT IS BLIND--!
OKAY! NOW THAT WE'VE MADE SURE TO TOUCH ALL BASES, WE TAKE YOU TO A REPLICA OF THE ROMAN COLOSSEUM, SOMEWHERE IN THE HEART OF EUROPE--A REPLICA ORIGINALLY BUILT AS A MOVIE SET, BUT NOW ABOUT TO SERVE A FAR MORE DANGEROUS PURPOSE--
HEY--THIS IS GREAT! WE'VE GOT FRONT ROW SEATS--JUST LIKE NERO!
YEAH--BUT THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SOME KIND OF SURPRISE! WHERE IS IT?
LOOK! THAT SUDDEN BURST OF LIGHT! FROM OUT OF NOWHERE!
THEN, WITHIN THE CENTER OF THE BLINDING BEAM, TWO POWERFUL FIGURES AMAZINGLY APPEAR--
IT'S DAREDEVIL --AND THE GLADIATOR-- LIKE HE PROMISED!
A BIG COLOSSEUM-- LIKE IN ANCIENT TIMES!
AND, IN THE STANDS--BIGWIGS FROM THE MAGGIA--I RECOGNIZE MOST OF THEM!
MIGHTY OBLIGING OF THE GLADIATOR TO CLUE IN HIS SIGHTLESS SPARRING PARTNER!
I GET IT NOW! THE MARAUDER WANTS TO RULE THE MAGGIA ALONE! SO HE TOSSED ME TO THE WOLVES, ALONG WITH--HEY!
WE CAN PHILOSOPHIZE ABOUT THIS LATER, GLADDIE--
BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'VE A LITTLE UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO TEND TO-- REMEMBER?
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WATCH MARVEL SUPER-HI

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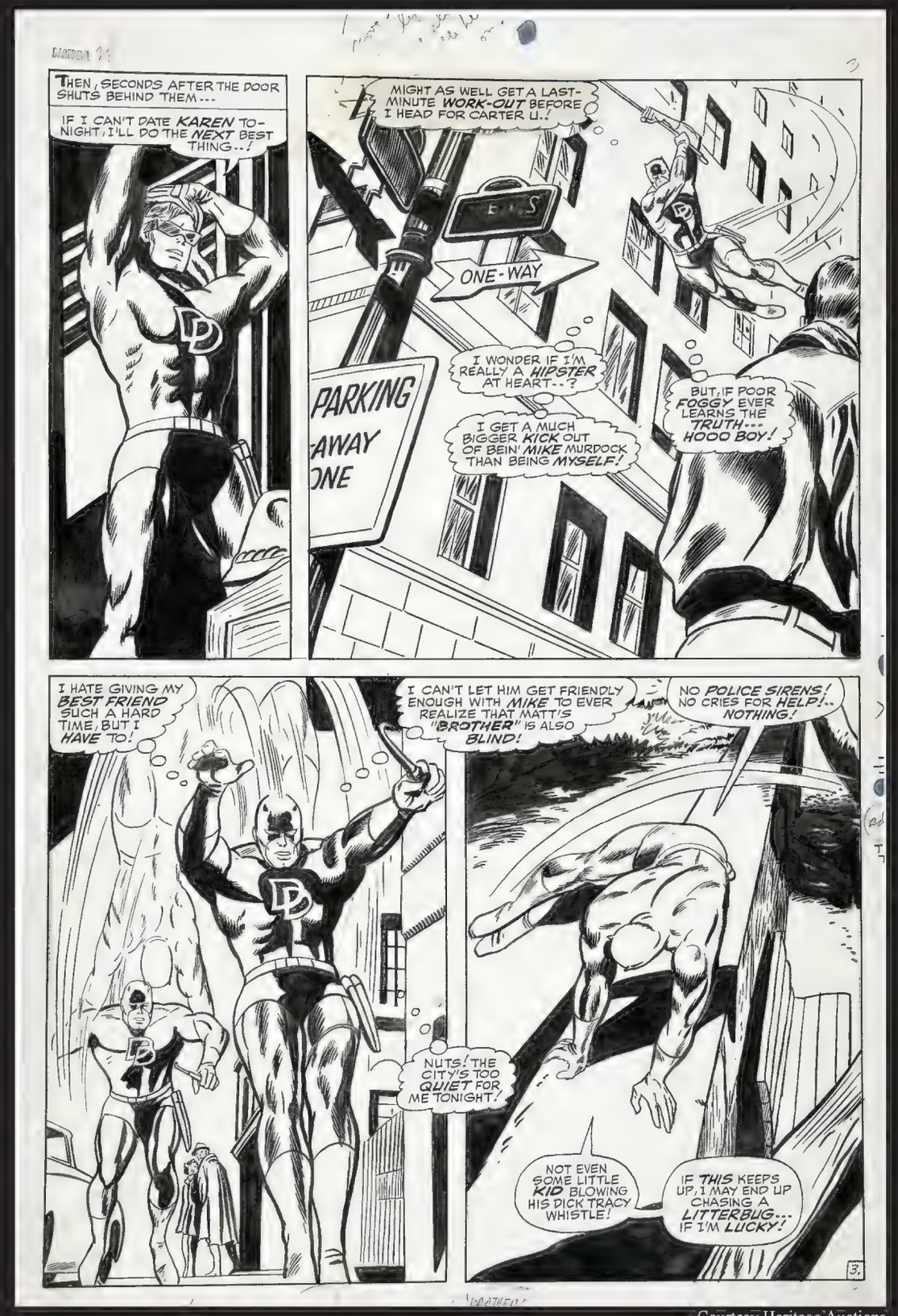
DAREDEVIL 28
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THEN, SECONDS AFTER THE POOR SHUTS BEHIND THEM---
IF I CAN'T DATE KAREN TONIGHT, I'LL DO THE NEXT BEST THING..!
MIGHT AS WELL GET A LAST-MINUTE WORK-OUT BEFORE I HEAD FOR CARTER U..!
ONE-WAY
PARKING
AWAY
ONE
I WONDER IF I'M REALLY A HIPSTER AT HEART--?
I GET A MUCH BIGGER KICK OUT OF BEIN' MIKE MURDOCK THAN BEING MYSELF!
BUT, IF POOR FOGGY EVER LEARNS THE TRUTH--- HOOO BOY!
I HATE GIVING MY BEST FRIEND SUCH A HARD TIME, BUT I HAVE TO!
I CAN'T LET HIM GET FRIENDLY ENOUGH WITH MIKE TO EVER REALIZE THAT MATT'S "BROTHER" IS ALSO BLIND!
NO POLICE SIRENS! NO CRIES FOR HELP!.. NOTHING!
NUTS! THE CITY'S TOO QUIET FOR ME TONIGHT!
NOT EVEN SOME LITTLE KID BLOWING HIS DICK TRACY WHISTLE!
IF THIS KEEPS UP, I MAY END UP CHASING A LITTERBUG... IF I'M LUCKY!
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Daredevil #31, page 9 original art
by Gene Colan & John Tartaglione

DAREDEVIL 31
MAY
12
ALAS, IT'S TIME TO TEAR OURSELVES AWAY FROM MATT AND FOGGY FOR A WHILE--AS THE COBRA AND MR. HYDE ENGAGE IN SOME UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY SOON BE OF SOME INTEREST TO DAREDEVIL--AND TO YOU--
DOWN, HYDE!! GET DOWN, I SAY!!
IF THERE'S A GUARD IN THE AREA, HE'S LIABLE TO SEE YOU RUNNING ACROSS THE ALLEY THAT WAY!!
SHUDDUP, YOU SPINELESS, CRINGING COWARD!!
WITH MY MATCHLESS STRENGTH, DO YOU THINK I FEAR ANY PUNY GUARD?!!
SPLUSHH!
NO IRON DOOR CAN BAR THE WAY TO ME!
SKRRRIK!!
STOP IT, YOU FOOL!! LISTEN TO ME--!
WHY WASTE YOUR ENERGY WHEN THE COBRA CAN GET US INSIDE IN HALF THE TIME??
YOU?!! HOW CAN YOU SHATTER THE DOOR FASTER THAN HYDE CAN??
I SAID NOTHING ABOUT SHATTERING THE DOOR!
I'LL PROVE THAT MY OWN SNAKELIKE SKILL IS FAR MORE VALUABLE THAN YOUR CLUMSY, OVER-RATED POWER!
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Daredevil Annual #1, page 52 original art
by Gene Colan & John Tartaglione

DAREDEVIL ANNUAL #1
60
BLUEPRINT FOR AN ALL-PURPOSE BILLY CLUB!
FIRST, YOU'VE GOT TO DIG UP AN INNOCENT-LOOKING CANE WHICH COMES IN TWO SECTIONS... WHICH CAN BE SNAPPED TOGETHER OR WHISKED APART IN THE SPACE OF A SINGLE HEARTBEAT!
SECTION "A"
THAKK!
SECTION "B"
NATURALLY, YOU MUST INCLUDE A SPRING-RELEASE MECHANISM WHICH WILL INSTANTANEOUSLY STRAIGHTEN THE CURVED CANE HANDLE, RETRACTING IT COMPLETELY WITHIN ONE OF THE BILLY CLUB'S HOLLOW SECTIONS!
(NOTE: BE SURE TO MAKE ALL ELEMENTS AS FOOL-PROOF AS POSSIBLE... SINCE YOUR LIFE MAY OFTEN HANG IN THE BALANCE!)
SECTION "A"
YOUR LOCAL HOBBY SHOP MIGHT SUPPLY A STURDY HOLSTER IN WHICH TO STORE THE TWO COMPONENT PARTS!
THEN, WHEN ROOFTOP-SWINGING TIME COMES AROUND, YOU JUST GRAB SECTION B, PRESS THE RELEASE BUTTON ONCE...
...THEN PRESS IT A SECOND TIME, TO FORM YOUR ROOF-CATCHING HOOK...
..AND AWAAAY YOU GO!!
SECTION "A": USED FOR THROWING!
SECTION "B": USED FOR SWINGING!
OH, BY THE WAY... IT ALSO HELPS TO HAVE THE NATURAL POWER OF... DAREDEVIL!!!
Gene Colan

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DAREDEVIL ANNUAL #1
AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT!
A DARINGLY DIFFERENT, DRAMATIC FEATURETTE, IN ANSWER TO VIRTUALLY NO REQUESTS FROM ANYONE AT ALL!
THE TIME IS MIDNIGHT! THE PLACE... AN ALMOST IMPASSABLE ROAD ON LONG ISLAND, DURING LAST WINTER'S MOST VIOLENT SNOWSTORM--
AND THE DRIVER-- NONE OTHER THAN GENIAL GENE COLAN, ON A MYSTERIOUS MISSION FOR MIGHTY MARVEL...
I'VE BEEN IN MY CAR FOR HOURS... AND I'M GETTING NOWHERE!
...MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE PUT GASOLINE IN THE TANK!
WAIT! THAT HOUSE-- LOOMING AHEAD LIKE AN EERIE EDIFICE OF EVIL!! IT MEANS--I'VE MADE IT!
HOW HAPPY HE'LL BE TO SEE ME!
ONLY A TRUE REAL-LIFE HERO WOULD DARE VENTURE OUT ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS!
HOW HIS LITTLE BEADY EYES WILL LIGHT UP WHEN HE SEES I'VE ARRIVED! WHAT A HERO'S WELCOME I'M SURE TO RECEIVE!
I MAY EVEN GET--A NO-PRIZE!!
AHH--THE DOOR IS OPENING NOW! I HOPE HE DOESN'T EMBARRASS ME WITH TOO-LAVISH PRAISE!
COLAN!
YOU NUTTY, NEOLITHIC-BRAINED NINCOMPOOP!
OF ALL THE TIMES TO COME VISITING A GUY--!!!
VISITING?? WHO'D WANNA VISIT A SOREHEAD LIKE YOU??!
I BROUGHT THE LAST TEN PAGES OF DAREDEVIL FOR YOU TO WRITE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST MAIL 'EM TO ME??
WHAT??!! TRUST MY PRECIOUS, PANORAMIC, PRACTICALLY PRICELESS WORKS OF ART TO THE MAIL!!--NEVER!
BESIDES-- I DIDN'T HAVE A STAMP!
WELL, BIG-HEARTED-- HOW'S ABOUT ASKING ME IN?

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BIOGRAPHIES

STAN LEE

Stanley Lieber was born in New York City in 1922, the oldest son of Jewish immigrants from Romania. Upon an early graduation from high school, Stan was thrust into the post-Depression wartime economy. Through family connections, he landed a job with Martin Goodman's comic-book publishing start-up, Timely Comics, as an assistant editor. His youthful aspiration was to one day write the "Great American Novel," so when his first professional writing job came, in the form of a humble two-page text story in *Captain America Comics* #3, he adopted a pseudonym: Stan Lee. This way, he could reserve his real name for that novel-to-be.

But the world of comics managed to keep Stan Lee constantly employed. His proficiency on the job got him the position of managing editor at an extremely young age. He graduated from simple text pieces to full-length stories in *All-Winners*, *USA Comics*, and other Timely anthologies. His tenure in the '50s saw him expand the company (now called Atlas Comics) output to include more genre experimentation, with Westerns, war, horror and crime comics.

All this activity was a prelude to the Marvel Age of Comics, ushered in under the auspices of Stan Lee and a small stable of artists topped off by the formidable talents of Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko. Responding to Martin Goodman's challenge to do something to find a way to revitalize dwindling sales, Stan figured he would co-opt the successful super-hero revival at competitor DC Comics and add his own magic to the mix: Instead of being perfect invulnerable champions, Stan's Marvel Age heroes would be normal, fallible, imperfect people, forced to cope with their newfound superhuman traits just like the average person might.

Stan's innovation sent shock waves through the comics industry, and within a few years, Marvelmania was taking hold: unlike other fads of the time, it wasn't letting go. Under his direction, creations like Fantastic Four, Spider-Man, Iron Man, Thor, Doctor Strange and Incredible Hulk flourished in the shared universe they inhabited. Stan developed the idea that these larger-than-life heroes would meet each other in crossovers from title to title, thus expanding the story possibilities for the kids who became eager fans.

In addition to bringing a new twist to the life of the super hero, Stan also brought the reader inside Marvel's "Batty Bullpen," creating a sense of camaraderie and special membership. His friendly and enthusiastic banter in letters pages, house ads, and Bullpen Bulletins brought Marvel Comics to a level of familiarity with their fans that had kids and college students proudly professing themselves to be "True Believers."

At one time, Stan wrote virtually every comic that appeared from Marvel during the 1960s. But when he was promoted to Publisher in 1971, his writing had to take a backseat, and by the mid-'70s, he semi-retired from scripting duties. Over the years, Stan has returned to write scripts for the odd single issue or series, focusing on Marvel's ventures into television and movie development. To this day, he remains Marvel Comics' single greatest ambassador to the world.

GENE COLAN

Gene "The Dean" Colan spent his decades as a comic artist honing a unique style that relied on realistic figure drawing and moody shadows. At a time when the norm lent itself to more abstracted cartooning, Colan helped broaden the aesthetic range of what comics could look like.

Born in Brooklyn in 1926, Gene had always had an interest in drawing, and he took up studies at the Art Students League of New York. Gene served his country in World War II in the Philippines, and though this delayed his art career, it eventually paid off with a solid acumen at drawing realistic scenes of warfare in the stories he would draw for DC Comics (*Our Army at War, All-American Men at War*) and the pre-Marvel Atlas Comics titles (*Battle, Marines in Battle, Navy Combat*). Over the next fifteen years, Gene would continue to do genre work on war, romance, and sci-fi comics, as well as licensed characters like *Hopalong Cassidy*.

But when the super-hero genre broke wide open again in the 1960s, Gene was ready to take it on with gusto. Under the pseudonym Adam Austin, he was hired to draw Marvel Comics super heroes, including Namor, the Sub-Mariner in the pages of *Tales to Astonish* and Iron Man in *Tales of Suspense*. In these two cases, Gene's stories were matched opposite the work of other Marvel artists who were drawing the exploits of the Hulk and Captain America, and Gene's mysterious and shadowy linework contrasted very effectively with the thick, slick drawings of contemporaries like Jack Kirby, John Romita and Bill Everett.

Gene moved on to draw a celebrated run on *Doctor Strange* with Roy Thomas, and a stint on *Captain America*, but the Silver Age Marvel character he is most often associated with is Daredevil, Marvel's Man Without Fear! Gene's *Daredevil* drawings were steeped in fluid, athletic grace, and his tenure on the title saw him visually flesh out the contradictions between the unflinching heroism of Matt Murdock and the world of darkness that he lived in. Gene would draw nearly every issue of *Daredevil* across an 80-issue run leading to #100, but he also drew a small handful of issues right before Frank Miller would come on board to great acclaim, Miller's *Daredevil* naturally owing a great debt to the already established visual precepts of the Colan era.

During the rest of the 1970s, Colan displayed the diversity of his talents drawing Steve Gerber's satirical *Howard the Duck* series and the vampire/horror series *Tomb of Dracula*. The latter was drenched in the style that Colan had evolved over the years and which reached its zenith in the service of Marvel's version of Count Dracula. He drew the entire 70-issue run.

Gene worked steadily into the '80s, once again drawing *Doctor Strange* for Marvel and also doing work for DC, including *Phantom Force*, *Silver Blade* and extensive work drawing the Dark Knight in the pages of *Detective Comics* and *Batman*. In 2005, Gene was ushered into the Will Eisner Hall of Fame, earning well-deserved acclaim from the industry he helped popularize. In 2009, Gene returned to the pages of *Captain America* to draw a double-sized WWII-based epic that would win the 2010 Eisner Award for Best Single Issue. It would prove to be his last major work in comics, as he passed away in 2011 at the age of 84.

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THE MARVEL AGE

It was August 1961 and change was hitting the newsstands. *Fantastic Four* #1 did not feature the squeaky-clean heroes of yesteryear. These were real characters placed in extraordinary circumstances. They lived together, they fought among themselves—and sometimes, they even lost to the bad guys. This was more than a change in attitude: It was the beginning of something entirely different—the Marvel Age of Comics!

Thanks to the fertile imaginations of Stan Lee, Jack Kirby, Steve Ditko and others, an unending list of heroes followed the FF with ever-increasing acclaim and popularity: the Amazing Spider-Man, the Mighty Thor, the Incredible Hulk, Daredevil, Iron Man and the X-Men, to name but a few. These were the Marvel heroes, born of conflict and a continuous struggle to balance human lives with superhuman responsibilities.

The *Marvel Masterworks* series was created to give comic-book readers everywhere the chance to experience the greatest comics the world has known as they were originally presented.

THE GOLDEN AGE

As the Great Depression wore on and the specter of war hung over the heads of all Americans, a new entertaining escape from the newspapers' horrifying realities was born: the comic book. Within their four-color pages, larger-than-life super heroes could make short work of America's foes, giving readers of all ages hope for victory against the real-life enemies that faced the United States.

At the forefront of this new medium was Timely Comics, a young company staffed by such legendary talents as Carl Burgos, Bill Everett, Joe Simon, Jack Kirby and Stan Lee. These skilled writers and artists created a vast array of characters that would give rise to the Marvel Universe!

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THE ATLAS ERA

Seeing super heroes waning, Timely Comics evolved into Atlas Comics and took on a vast new range of genres: science-fiction tales of outer space adventures and unimaginable monsters; realistic war comics; buxom jungle heroines; horror comics that would become the center of a moral panic that rocked the industry; and romance comics for the emerging teen audience. Even the classic costumed heroes of the '40s retooled to take on the threat of Communism. From Western gunfighters to crime to horror, Atlas had it all!

ATLAS ERA BATTLEFIELD VOL. 1
ATLAS ERA BLACK KNIGHT/YELLOW CLAW VOL. 1
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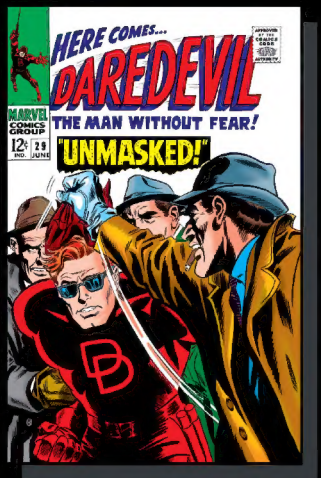
HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
WOW-EEEEE! JUST WAIT'LL YOU MEET OL' MATT MURDOCK'S SWINGIN' TWIN BROTHER!
ENTER: THE LEAP FROG!



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